

— Edwin Stratford.

Elder in the
Church of Jesus Christ
of
Latter day Saints
(2)

Genealogy of Edwin Stratford
Parents Name & Place

George Stratford Born 7th November 1807
Eliza Barwell Born 5th of October 1809

Names of their children

1 Edwin Stratford Born 6th of February

2 Lillian Stratford Born September 15th 1834

3 George Samuel Stratford Born September 19th 1836

4 Eliza Stratford Born January 20th 1838

5 Julia Stratford Born September 20th 1839

6 Emma Stratford } Born June 24th 1841

7 Ann Stratford Born May 1st 1843

8 George Robert Stratford } Born August 30th 1845

9 Esther Stratford } - 1846 in London Buried

Born April 19th 1848

19th of June 1849 -

10 Emily Stratford Born July 28th 1851

in All Saints parish Maldon. (Essex) England -
in the parish of St Mary Maldon Essex England -

1833 in the parish of All Saints Maldon Essex Eng
in All Saints parish Maldon Essex England
in the same parish &c Died Jan^y 9th 1837. Buried in the
in the same parish &c

Do Do
Do. Died Nov^m 6th 1843 Buried in St John's Wood
Church Yard St John's Wood London
in All Saints Parish Maldon Essex England
in the town of Rayleigh Essex Died Dec^m 18th
in St John's Wood Churchyard St John's Wood
in St Peters Parish Maldon Essex Died
Buried in the Independent Chapel yard Maldon
in St Peters Parish Maldon Essex

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 My Father's Father lived in Malden
 during the greater part of his life but
 where he was born I have no means
 of ascertaining in his youth he was
 an inmate of a workhouse and was
 apprenticed to a farmer ^{by the name of} ~~after~~ ^{George}
 he established himself as a Gardener
 in Malden which occupation he
 followed till his death. his name
 was Samuel Stratford he
 married Elizabeth Pass of whom
 he had issue Samuel Stratford Esq
 James Stratford Born
 William Stratford Born
 2. Isaac Stratford
 Abraham Stratford
 ✓ Eliza Stratford
 ✓ Joseph Stratford
 George Stratford M.
 1 or 2 ✓ Sarah Elizabeth Emma
 Caroline Stratford

I have procured the registers of the
 baptisms of my Father's family

Providence Maldon

Maldon

Brown Maldon - 1800

Maldon 1802

Maldon

Maldon

Maldon 1806

St. James Maldon November 7 1807

~~St. James Maldon~~ 1810

Brown St. James parish Maldon
July 23 1811

but have no means of procuring
the particulars of birth any

Further than I have entered them
in this book as no one has a
record of the subject. my
grandfather by his industry
amassed considerable property
he died very suddenly an
apoplectic fit May 23rd 1836 aged
64 and was buried in the In-
dependent Chapel of St. Mary
after his death grand mother
carried on the business ⁱⁿ till some
time 1847 or 1848 and would
have done so till her death had
not her son James established
a shop nearby and took away
her trade when she could not
carry on her business any longer
he allowed her 11 per week and
on this allowance she retired and
went to live with her daughter
Caroline in St. Marys Parish
Louisiana where she died May
17 1849 aged 78 years and
was buried beside her husband

Eliza married to William Emerson
 and died soon after and was buried
 in Langford Church Yard. Emerson
Stephen died in London and was
 buried in St. John's Woods Church
 Yard. William died in 1852 and
 was buried in the Independent
 Chapel, Hurst, Halden leaving a
 wife and 5 children 3 girls and
 2 boys ^{his wife's name was Mary} Stephen left a wife and
 3 sons who live in London his wife's
 name was Ann Balls. Joseph
 and Emma died in youth and
 were buried in the same yard as
 grand father.

The name of James Swaford's
 wife was Mary Cutts of
 Riverwell, Essex

A brief outline of my History previous to embracing the Gospel and also the incidents connected with my obeying the fulness of the Gospel and an account of my Travels as an Elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints

I was born in the parish of All Saints Maldon Essex on the 6th of February 1833 and am the oldest of a Family of ten children who were all with the exception of one born in Maldon at the time of my birth my Father followed the occupation of a Cabinet Maker and my Mother that of a Dressmaker we continued to live in Maldon till some time in 1843 when my Father and his family moved to London in the hopes of procuring a better living but that not answering he moved to Rayleigh where my Brother George was born and not realizing his expectations there he again removed to Maldon when I was born my Father and Mother and different members of their family were members of the Wesleyan denomination in my boyhood I went to the Sunday school belonging to that body of people and it

was there that I became acquainted with the little I ever knew about sectarianism. but my Parents were not content with merely a Spiritual education so I was sent to the Parish school after staying there some time I was sent to one of an higher order kept by a Mr Carter where I made rapid progress in geography & when my Parents left for London I had to leave schooling for a season for after living in London a few months I went down to Maldon to live with my Grandmother and I continued to live alternately at Maldon and when they moved to Rayleigh at Rayleigh when the family came to Maldon again I went to work with my uncle

Abraham at the business of a shipwright and worked at it a few months but we could not agree and left after which my Father and family went to London again while there I worked at two different situations as a Newspaper boy the first one was a bad place so I obtained the other when my employer found I had obtained another place he set his housekeeper to work who endeavoured to bribe me by offering in the name of my Master to learn me the steel plate engraving but I

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could not be tried, my other place was much
better and I continued there till my
the family again moved down to Maldon,
after they went, I soon followed them the week
after they went away. on the Monday after
I got down to Maldon I procured work at my
uncle James' in his gardens and it was while
working there that I made up my mind to be
a Gardener. I waited for him for a considerable
time but not liking his behaviour I left
and went to work part of my time at the
Banks in Maldon there I had a few flowers
to attend to which branch of the business
more particularly attracted my attention.
my time was ^{not} wholly filled up at the Banks
so I went to a Grocers during my spare time
as long as I was wanted. I lost that place through
my Employers son coming home a little
before this my Grandmother Elizabeth
Thalford died and was buried in the
Independent Chapel Yard: during this sum-
mer I left the Banks and went to work at
Mr Wilmshursts which was altogether a
better place and where I had greater facili-

-ities for obtaining a knowledge of my trade
I continued to live with him till I went forth
to preach the Gospel.

While I was young and could be controlled by
my Grandmother I used to attend the Wesley
an chapel but my Father and Mother have
left that people and my Father advocating
freedom of thought. I also became tired of
chapel and preferred a roam in the fields
or a bathe in the salt water or some such
diversion to attending the meetings of the
sectarians I soon imbibed the notions of my
Father or some of them inasmuch that I did
not believe any of the sects of the day were right
neither could I see that Jesus Christ was the son
of God I used to pray in secret and sometimes
I have felt disturbed about Jesus Christ and
one occasion I felt obliged to acknowledge that
he was the son of God Thus the Spirit strove
within me and when I look back upon my
past life I feel that the Lord has been with
all my lifetime and has delivered me and
prepared me for the Gospel of his Son. I
remember realizing a great portion of the Spirit

once when I was in a meeting of the Wesleyans I felt that I was willing to serve God but after a short time I became indifferent again. by feeling such a dislike to sectarians my mind was freed to a great degree from their teaching and notions. It was in this condition when a young man professing to be a servant of God sent forth according to the ancient Apostolic order "one" without purse or scrip came into the town this was about the 8th of March 1861 the news soon spread through the town and the Sunday after I heard of it I wished to hear him preach though more from curiosity than love of truth for I was a stranger to the doctrines he bore he could not obtain a room at first.

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So he used to distribute tracts I had the opportunity of reading several as one had been left at my grandmother Barwells and one at our own house we took but little notice of the one left at home the Elder called but Father not knowing who he was did not care to see him he was not to be repulsed so however for when I

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returned from work one evening I found Elder
Penrose there discussing with my Father. I
listened with attention. I had never heard
such doctrines before and after the conversation
was ended I told my Mother that was the
religion for me when I retired to rest I prayed
that I might know of the truth of the work
if it was true that I might be lead to em-
brace it if false. that I might be able
to reject it on the following Sunday Elder
Penrose obtained a room and I heard the
Gospel preached for the first time there
were present several who have since obeyed
the truth early in April my Aunt Servitia
Barwell went down to the waters of baptism
and on the 1st of the same month my
Mother and Grandmother were also baptized.
I continued to attend the meetings and
search the works for the conversation I heard
between Elder Penrose and my Father effect-
ually removed all prejudice against reading
the works so I read some of ^{them} commencing with
the Great First Cause after which I read the
Absurdities of Immaterialism and other works

written by Orson Pratt. I also read a part of the
 Book of Mormon while reading the Book of Mormon.
 I came to the conclusion that the work was
 of God for though I believed many of the
 principles I had scruples about some points.
 I communicated my conclusions to Elder -
 Perrowe who said to me "and now why tarriest
 thou" &c. I made up my mind I would be
 baptized but I did feel very settled about
 when I soon broke through that indetermination
 and early on the morning of the 9th of -
 May I called Elder Perrowe up and we
 went down to the water I was baptized
 at a place called the stakes about a mile
 from the town when I came away from
 baptism I felt even then before confirmation
 that I knew the work was true, in the
 evening I was confirmed by Elder
 Perrowe after leaving him I rejoiced greatly
 in the Spirit of ^{2nd} I realized the promise
 made to me before baptism that I should
 know the work was true I knew it and that
 Joseph was a Prophet. That day fortnight
 May 23rd Elder William Speelman came

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down from London and in the evening the Malden Branch was organized consisting of ten members Elder Perrow was appointed President I was ordained to the office of Priest by Elder Speakman and Elder Perrow Elder Speakman being mouth while his hands were on my head he said the conviction of the truth should continually rest upon me Elder Perrow also prophesied concerning me and said I should go to Zion and come back again to the Nations of the Earth on the 28 of May my sister Eliza was baptized on the 30th of May I went to London to see the Great Exhibition and to attend the London Conference on Sunday June 1st my Father who came up on the Saturday and myself went to the Conference in the afternoon we went over to the Kennington branch where Elder Perrow came from in the evening we went to the Theobalds Road meeting and heard Elder John Taylor one of the Twelve Apostles I enjoyed the discourse much Elder Taylor bore Testimony to Joseph and to his being in prison with him when he was

shot and receiving 4 bullets in his own body
and declared he was a good man and whoever said
to the contrary was a liar and the truth was not
in them. on Monday June 2nd my Father was
baptized by Elder Charles W. Perrowe in the
afternoon we had a grand Festival at the
Freemasons Hall four of the Twelve Apostles
were present and addressed the meeting
namely John Taylor Lorenzo Snow Erastus
Snow and Franklin D. Richards the meeting
was also enlivened by singing I enjoyed
myself first rate. on Tuesday Father and
myself went to the Exhibition it was a
grand and glorious sight to behold the
works of art collected from many nations
of the earth in fact I never saw anything
to equal one of the grandest sights was
obtained by standing on the gallery at
the further end of the building and
looking upon the immense concourse of
people who were passing up ^{and down} the grand
aisle there with the works of art combined
to make it a glorious sight on Wednesday
I went to the Exhibition again it would

have taken some time to inspect every article
the building it self was well worthy of ad-
miration it was commenced 26 September it was
185 ft. long and 140 ft. wide besides a projection
on the north side 118 feet wide and 936 feet long
the space enclosed covering about 19 acres the
main avenue 72 feet wide 66 feet high about the
centre it was crossed by a tramway 72 feet wide
and 108 feet high on each side were smaller
avenues alternately 24 and 14.8 feet wide the
two first from ^{the centre} were 118 and the remainder 23 feet high
the materials used in the construction were
iron, wood, and glass. the frontage afforded
for the exhibition of goods was more than
ten miles in extent. on the eight of June
we had a sacrament meeting at Malden
I bore my testimony though in weakness
on the 12th of June my sister Julia was bap-
tized soon after this I stood up to preach for the
first time no one can tell my sensations on the
occasion of being called up but I determined to go on
and the Lord helped me so that I managed
to say a few words nothing of any importance
occurred till the 1st of July when my sister

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Lucetta was baptized at a council meeting held the 24th of this month I was appointed treasurer to the Emigration Fund and Clerk to the branch at a council meeting held July 31 I was appointed to go to Purleigh a village about 11 miles off to distribute tracts I went 5 times the fifth time I was appointed to preach in the open air I sang and prayed a man came up after that and offered his house for preaching I preached to a good congregation this was the 21st of September I went there to preach 8 times the eighth time I found the proprietor ill and could not preach I was sent there next Sunday to try and get the room again but was unsuccessful on the 4th of December I was appointed to preach at Danbury for the first time.

I preached there again on Sunday January 18th 1852. I continued to attend to Danbury when appointed sometimes my Father who had been ordained Teacher 10th of August 1851 went and preached there on the 1st of January 1853 I baptized a young man named Amos B. Burt on the 9th of

April a party of saints went over to Draintree to attend a convening I was with them while walking round to look at the place we were mobbed by a number of boys who followed us a considerable distance and hooted and pelted us with stones however we did not sustain any material injury after the festival when about to start some of us had got into the waggon we found the mob had drawn the lines pins had the horses started what a terrible scene might have occurred for when the pins which kept ^{the} wheels in their places were gone there was nothing to keep them from coming off but God ordered it right in his providence on Sunday April 13th Elder Gates from Great Salt Lake City paid us a visit on the 4th of May I was appointed Book Agent for the Chelmsford District 12th of May Elder Penrose left the Maldon Branch having received instructions to wind up affairs there and go to Colchester and labour the 16th of May I went to Chelmsford to preach according to appointment on the following Thursday

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evening when assembled in meeting with a few of the Saints Sister Ann Holland had the gift of prophecy and prophesied that I should ^{have} the gift of prophecy. I stood the gift resting upon me and prophesied of those things the Lord revealed to me after the meeting was over and next day I felt a great measure of joy through the out pouring of the Spirit of God. The Essex Conference was held in Maldon the 13th of June I was appointed to take the lead of the meetings the following Sunday the Saturday evening before I received the following note from Elder Cook President of the Essex Conference by Elder Henry A Squires

Braintree Essex

Saturday morning June 19th 52

Brother Edward Stratford

I wish you to resign your manual labour, and give your whole time to the work of the ministry, for I have a field of labour for you in the Hertford District under the Presidency of Brother Squires

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I counsel you to attend to these instructions
 Brother Squires will give you all partic-
 -ulars

Yours in the Lord
 Martin Black

Mr B Stratford

After reading the note and ascertaining that
 I have ^{copied} my linen ready I went to my employ-
 -er and told him I wanted to leave the next
 night I obtained his consent and on the follow-
 -ing evening Sunday June 20th I started with
 Elder Squires for Danbury where we arrived
 late at night. this was very short notice
 to get ready and leave home about 26 hours
 from the time I received my instructions
 to the time I started but I felt that the
 Lord had called me and was submissive to
 his will on the Sunday previous to starting
 on of the Saints prophesied I should do
 a good work I went forth in faith believ-
 -ing in the promises of the Lord.

We slept a few hours at Danbury and
 then walked on to Brentwood arriving
 there about 8 o'clock in the morning we took

The train from there to London where we met with Elder Slack and proceeded with him to the Euston Square Railway Station we then took train to Watford in Hertfordshire we went to Elder Slack's house and had some refreshment after dinner I was ordained an Elder by Elders Slack and Squires (Elder Slack being mouth) in Elder Slack's chamber in the afternoon Elder Slack Squires and myself rode by omnibus to St Albans which was my destination, in the evening I attended a discussion at the Temperance Chapel between Elder Slack and a teetotaler by the name of Winterborne the subject was the first principles of the Gospel Elder Slack brought forth some good arguments to sustain the point at issue which was that Jesus Christ had repeatedly said (when on earth) that all those who were not baptized would be irrevocably lost and that without remedy the discussion went through Mr Winterborne interrupting Elder Slack when preaching in the open air Mr Winterborne afterwards offered the Chapel for the purpose of holding a discussion upon the remarks that were made by Elder Slack

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The subject for discussion was rather strongly drawn but Elder Black's principal object was to lay the first principles before the people. After discussing the allotted time the subject was adjourned till another evening on Tuesday June 22nd. I went to Harpenden's village in my field of labour ^{with} Elder Black Squires and several other brethren. In the evening a meeting was held at St Albans where Br Black proposed me as a Travelling Elder to travel in the region round St Albans and make my head quarters in that town the Saints expressed their willingness to support me it was also carried unanimously that I take charge of the St Albans branch after the meeting we held a council and ordained Philip Sheldrake Priest and Thomas Goodman Teacher. June 23 went with Elder Squires to Radlet, Shenley and North Mimms at Radlet we blessed a little girl belonging to Sister Smith who resided there at Welham Green in North Mimms I preached a little while in the open air being the first time I ever preached in the open air after the meeting I returned to St Albans and

stayed at Brother Thomas Butters it was not a very comfortable lodging but it was the best that could be obtained just then. walked 28 miles.

Sunday June 28th preached in the morning conducted a fellowship meeting in the afternoon and preached in the open air in Lattin Lane in the evening.

June 28th Baptized Elizabeth Grayson and Ann Butler June 29th conducted a meeting of the Saints and confirmed the two I baptized the previous evening these were the first I had ever confirmed the Lord blessed me with great power thus proving the saying true "as thy day thy strength shall be" after the meeting held a priesthood meeting June 30th preached in the open air at Marpenden July 3rd preached in the open air at Park Street did not feel very well while preaching preached about a quarter of an hour July 3rd 1852 went to Shenley in the evening with Sister Caroline Howard on Sunday morning she came back with me we had good meetings no strangers the room was up a dirty yard in the evening preached to a respectable congregation in the open air in Dagnall Lane on Monday went to Shenley with Sister

Howard July 6th Elder Squires preached to the
Saints in the evening held a council after the
meeting and appointed the brethren to fields of
labour July 7th went to Harpenden and distributed
tracts preached in the evening had none of the saints
with me I prayed to God and he blessed me with
strength to preach and sing Thursday July 8th
received a letter from Elder Buck informing me
that the discussion would be resumed on Tuesday
evening July 12 to commence at 7 instead of 8 o'clock
July 9th preached to a small congregation at Farn
thorpe walked during the last fortnight 14 miles
Sunday July 14th conducted the meetings in the
morning and afternoon in the evening preached
in the open air at Harpenden after preaching
was invited to stay and hear a Mr Johnson an
Independent minister this I declined as we
did declining hurry home we sat down on the
common Mr Goodman and myself while sitting
there several women came up which afforded
me an opportunity of saying a few words upon
the Gospel we were requested to sing and pray
we complied with the request after which we return-
ed to St Albans July 15th went to Hemel

Hempstead to attend a tea meeting. Elders Job Smith and Black were there. I addressed the meeting for a short time stayed in Hempstead that night on Tuesday returned to St Albans in company with Elder Job Smith President of the Bedfordshire Conference. Elder Black several of the Travelling Elders belonging to that conference some of the local brethren in the evening the discussion was resumed Elder Black had the best of it in my opinion a vote was called which went against Elder Black such is the force of opinion against the people of God.

July 14th went to preach at Harpenden alone the Independent Parson came and stood by me while I preached and after I had done he made some remarks he wanted me to raise the dead said that mere Baptism was rubbish and all that was not in the Bible was a cheat and a lie he talked of opposing me when I came again I told the people I should come as usual most of the people present were prejudiced against the Gospel July 15th went to Wheathampstead intending to preach there did not preach but tried

to get a room for that purpose. July 16th preacher
to a few at Park Street got wet coming home
had a heavy thunderstorm in the night
July 17 went to Watford to take Br Hollands
carpet bag which he had kindly lent to
me to bring my clothes books &c from Maldon
in returned to St Albans in the evening
walked during the week 53 miles.

Sunday July 18th conducted the meetings at
St Albans in the morning and afternoon in
the evening preached at Harpenden I had
two Primitive Methodist Local preachers before
me while preaching I preached upon baptism
and promised the Gift of Holy Ghost by the
laying on of hands to those who would believe
repent and be baptized for the Remission
of their sins after a time one of the preachers
began to interfere after I left off one of them
wished to ask another question Br Sheldrake
(who was with me) asked him if he was a
professor of religion and told him if he was it
was his duty to pray for us as he had been
so ungentlemanly as to interfere while I was
preaching we should not answer any more

questions that night so we wished them good night
 and returned to St Albans July 19th went to
 Shenley and tried to obtain a room to preach
 in stayed to see the man whom I hoped to
 obtain the room off till it was too late
 for open air preaching the mans objection
 was that his companions might laugh at
 him. what a man! July 20th went home
 to St Albans preached in the evening after
 meeting provided in our council appointed
 the brethren to preach in the open air at
 Harpenden and parts so July 21 baptized
 a young man Richard Leonard Tibbert in the
 evening went to Harpenden preached there
 the Person was there I refrained from inter-
 fering with the sects after I had done preach-
 ing I came away not thinking it worth
 while to listen to the Persons monitions
 July 22 went to Park Street and preached
 there instead of going to Wheatthorstead
 July 23 as I had never preached in Wheat-
 thorstead and could not get any one to go
 with me to stand by me and help me to find
 the place I declined going intending to go

next week walked 32 miles during the week.
 Sunday July 25th preached in St Albans
 in the morning intended to go to Shenley
 in the afternoon but was hindered by rain
 we had a prostrate meeting in St Albans
 Bro Blundell had a tongue which Bro
 Bantles interpreted it had reference to Bro
 Hibbert who had not attended the meeting
 since his baptism the saints were told to
 pray for one in the branch for unless they up-
 held the person who was weak he might fall
 in the evening went to Shenley was hinder-
 ed from going by the rain. July 26th did not go to
 Wheatthamstead it rained a little and discour-
 aged me. July 27th Elder Squires came over to St
 Albans he enquired of me how I was getting
 on when I told him what I had been doing
 he showed me that I had flinched and
 of course the Devil had taken up the ground
 as I receded. I was young in the work and
 had not had much experience I listened to
 Elder Squires and wished to do better.
 July 28th went to Harpenden a woman by
 the name of Statton gave me some tea

after which I preached in the open air the parson
was there as usual. July 29th preached in the
open air at Shenley. July 30th preached in
Park Street walked 34 miles during the week
Sunday August 1st Elder Squires preached
in the open air at Harpenden most of the
Saints from St. Albans went with him
I preached in the afternoon and evening
at Shenley. 2nd Elder Squires and myself
went to Wheathamstead he preached there
in the evening. 3rd had a meeting at St.
St. Albans in the evening and a council
after the public meeting, 4th went to
Harpenden before preaching I prayed for
power for I desired to overcome the parson
who had annoyed me considerably - the Lord
heard my prayer and I felt full of
power in fact I never realized such
an outpouring of the Spirit before while
preaching I gave the Parson a good dressing
before I was done a gentleman(?)
ordered me away as I preached close
by his house I thought it prudent to
leave off there was plenty of room to preach

so, I told the people I should come again
 on Sunday intending to preach a little
 higher up on the common. August 6th preached
 to a few at Shenley walked during the week 39 miles.
 Sunday August 8th attended to the meet-
 ings in St Albans in the morning and afternoon
 in the evening preached in Harpenden
 9th went to Hertford to attend the Priothood
 meeting which ^{was} held there for the first time
 for all the Priothoods of the Hertford district
 Elders Slack, Ignace Gasman, Holmes and several
 local brethren ^{were} ^{present} we had some first rate instruction
 10th walked from Hertford to Wheathamstead
 preached there in the evening and then walked
 to St Albans. 11th went to Harpenden
 changed the tracts it was to visit to preach
 walked from there (to Wheathamstead)
 expecting to baptize a man but was disapp-
 ointed walked from there to St Albans in
 the evening. 12th distributed some tracts
 in South Mimms the wet prevented me
 preaching walked to Shenley slept at Bro
 Howard's 13th distributed some tracts at Shenley
 and preached there in the evening. 14th went to

Wesford from Shenley and from there to St
Albans in the morning, walked during the
week 70 miles. Sunday August 15th preached
in Harpenden in the evening. 16th Elder
Slack and Squires came to St Albans and
to Wheatthamstead changed the tracts had
some conversation with a man which presents
me preaching this place. Wheatthamstead
is a wicked place the heathen have tried
before I came to introduce the Gospel
but no one ever came forward to obey the
principles. 17th Elder Squires preached in St
Albans after the meeting met in council
18th went to Harpenden talked to the people
and preached there 19th changed the tracts
and preached in the open air at South
Mimms 20th changed the tracts at Shenley
Saturday came home from Shenley, walked
81 miles. Sunday 22nd Elder Slack spent
the day with us we had hired the room
again that the Saints formerly met in
and we reopened that day I preached in
the morning and was followed by Elder
Slack in the evening Elder Slack delivered

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a lecture. 23rd changed the tracts and preached at Wheathamstead. 24th preached to the saints in St Albans after the usual meeting we held a Priesthood meeting. 25th preached in Harpenden to a very small congregation. 26th went to South Mimms after changing the tracts and conversing with those who were disposed to listen I sat on a hill to rest myself I had ^{not} been sitting there long before a young man came up and spoke to me he had heard me preach when I preached on Welham green some time ago I had some conversation with him and found that he believed the Gospel and seemed ready for baptism he did not give in his name then but promised to see me again. I preached in the village in the evening a Mr Wyman a town missionary thought fit to oppose me again. I had done preaching he railed against Joseph and spoke against baptism after he had finished his remarks I replied he then made a few more remarks and went away the people or several of them expressing their dissatisfaction at his interference. at this time I found the Lord to be

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true for when I saw the parson I prayed
for power and the Lord heard and answered
me for which I thank him. I distributed
tracts and preached at Shenley through
again. - the will of a woman who lived
close by the place where I preached she
talked while I was singing and preaching
but I continued to preach and she was
tired first. after preaching I went to North
Munro to baptize. the young man I happen-
ed off the night before I should have baptized
him the same evening but we could not find
a place that suited us. I baptized him in
a stream close by Bro. Seales' house and
confirmed him at Bro. Seales' his name
is William Brown. stayed at North
Munro that night and walked to
St. Albans in the morning walked during
the week 36 miles.

Sunday August 29th. met with a
few of the saints in a prayer meeting
at 7 o'clock in the morning conducted an
regular meeting at 11 between the morning
and afternoon meetings I preached to a

small congregation in Dagnall Lane & conducted an afternoon and evening meetings at the usual times 30th went to Wheatthamstead after breakfast & then to the people and preached in the evening after preaching returned to St Albans found Elder Squires there he baptized a young woman named Emma Streton the same evening 31st met with the Saints in a fellowship meeting after meeting held our council. September 1st went to Harpenden after breakfast taking a piece of victuals in my pocket according to the instruction of Elder Squires. in the afternoon went to St Kinnaman Green to get a tract I left there with Emma Streton's father and mother Sep 2nd started in the morning for South Mimms had some conversation with several people a Church parson among the rest found the missionary was distributing tracts in opposition to Mormonism obtained two found them as ridiculous as usual preached in the evening the person was there but was quiet after the meeting made some arrangements at Hemmestown

for the use of a room which the Saints had hired once before (some time ago) agreed to pay a shilling per week for the use of it and find candles &c changed the tracts at Shenley and preached in the evening the woman who opposed me before was there again she was assisted this time by a Waterpout and a stone which she made use of to annoy me while preaching and she was a professor of religion (3) 4th went to Radlet and from there to St Albans walked this week 36 miles.

Sunday September 5th attended the meetings in the morning and afternoon at St Albans, in the evening preached at South Mimms returned to St Albans after the meeting 6th changed the tracts and preached at Wheathamstead 7th attended the meeting at St Albans in the evening 8th Went to Harpenden and Kinsdown green but did not preach. September 9th went to South Mimms with the intention of preaching but was prevented through the interference of the missionary I had

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some conversation with some of the people
and some supper at the house of a Mr
Chinsley after which I walked to Shenley
this day my Grandmother Mary Barwell
died at Mutton at 2 o'clock. she was
born at Great Maplestead in Essex on the
22nd of April 1786 at one time she was
a member of the Wesleyan denomination
and disagreeing with some of that body
of people she left and joined herself to
the Independent denomination she was
a member of that body when Elder Penn
came into the town she soon received
the message of truth and obeyed its
requirements when well she met with the
Saints and bore testimony to the truth
during her illness she looked forward to
her death with pleasure for she felt she
had obeyed the truth and should associ-
ate with the nobles of the earth beyond
the veil those who had lived and died
in the Gospel she died happy and
in the faith of the Gospel and was
buried in the Independent Chapel Yard.

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Malvern. People generally fear death but those who "do the will of the Father" have no such fears they have made peace with God and know the path they have walked in will lead them to Celestial Glory they look upon the relentless monster with calmness for the sting has been removed through their obedience and righteousness "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Sept 10th did not stay in Shenley as was my custom but returned to St Albans as there appeared to be iniquity in the branch held a council in the evening for the purpose of enquiring into the standing of one of the brethren who was accused of swearing at his wife we withdrew our fellowship from him and appointed two brethren to visit him. 10th I went to Hertford to attend the Conference in company with Sister Caroline Howard had the pleasure of meeting with some of the Saints from Malvern and also Pauson Brother Brett from

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Danbury &c I felt glad after being separated from my former associates to have the opportunity of meeting them again. Elders Gates and Job Smith from the valley Elder Slack and the Travelling Elders belonging to the Conference were there in the evening we met in Council the reports of the brethren were favourable the Saints in Romford were organized into a branch Elder Harrison was appointed President the brethren gave some good instructions after meeting. I walked to Southend in company with several of the brethren and slept there. walked during the week 60 miles Sunday September 12th in the morning we met in the Green Dragon room in the afternoon Elder Job Smith addressed the meeting Elder Gates preached in the evening we felt firstrate during the day the Spirit of God was poured out upon us and we felt to rejoice in the work of God the number of baptisms during the quarter was 46 total number of members 380 after the meetings walked to Southend

13th went with the Saints to Rye house the place is remarkable as the scene of a plot concocted there for the purpose of overthrowing Charles the second we rode there by rail we amused ourselves during our stay at various diversions as cricket, boat-racing, swinging &c. after which we partook of some refreshments and returned to Hertford 14th walked in company with a good number of Elders and Saints to St Albans Elder Pates preached there in the evening we sent the bellman round to inform the people that Elder Pates was going to preach but only 3 or 4 strangers attended a proof of the coldness and indifference of the people I have ever found them so in this place they have long had the privilege of hearing the truth but have refused to listen preferring their own to the ways of the Lord "there is a way that seemeth right unto man but the end thereof is death" 15th the Saints left St Albans for Watford with the exception of Elder Henry Kemp.

who is labouring in the Hertford district after the Saints were gone Elder Kemp and myself started from St Albans he was going to Hitchin and I was bound for Harpenden I walked as far as — Wheathamstead with him and then walked to my destination was not able to do anything in consequence of rain had to walk home in the wet. 16th went to South Mimms Mrs Finley gave me some food in the afternoon went to tea with Mr Martin a Wesleyan local preacher had a long conversation with him but have not much faith in him the Devil has indeed blinded the people and led them astray so that they contend for vanity and things wherein there is no profit the plain passages of scripture are made to mean something that our Saviour and his Apostles never intended for spiritualizing appears the order of the day Oh Babylon! Oh Babylon! how hast thou perverted the Gospel surely the cup of your iniquity is nearly

full and your overthrow will speedily take place. The work of the Lord is onward. The Gospel is rolling with power among the nations. The Devil begins to be enraged. The Destroyer has commenced his work of death. Cholera has its victims among the people. accidents, deaths and other signs indicate that a time trouble is near but how little prepared are the people for the things that will shortly take place verily "Darkness has covered the earth and gross darkness the people." Isaiah 60th. the people though they boast of a blaze of Gospel light are truly enveloped in darkness and the day of the Lord will overtake them as a thief in the night. how delightful to a Saint one who has done and continues to do the will of the Father to contemplate the signs of the times the increasing power of the Kingdom of God its onward progress among the nations of the earth as it strikes majestically from nation to nation truly our Father will make a short work of it.

and the time is near when the proud
and those who do wickedly shall be turned
up as stubble may the Lord give me of
his Spirit to enable me to keep faithful
to the Covenant I have made with
him at the Waters of baptism and
speedily gather me home from the
midst of this confusion and wickedness
and finally save me with an eternal
Salvation through Jesus Christ Amen
to return to my journal in the evening
Elders Squires and David Packer
came over to Mims and Elder Packer
preached in the open air and Elder Squire
in our room which we had obtained again
and preached in on Sunday Sep 17th—
changed the tracts and talked to the people
at Shenley 18th came home from Shenley
walked during the week 63 miles ride 6
Sunday Sep 19th met in a prayer meeting
with a few of the brethren at 4 o'clock
and conducted our usual meetings during
the day 20th changed the tracts at
Whathamstead and talked to several

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at their doors 21st Elder Squires was with us
in our meeting in the evening we had a
good meeting at a council held after
wards two of the brethren were appointed
to visit Thomas Butler and request him
to attend the next council to answer a
charge preferred against him for swearing
at his wife it was Resolved that if he
did not attend it being the second time
of his being requested to do so that he be
cut off of the Church. 23rd went to Har-
pendden and Rinsbourn Press was
called a sneaking ^{hound} at the latter place
by a woman 23rd changed the tracts
at South Mimms Elder Squires and
Parman came over in the evening the
Missionary came in to our meeting room
but did not stay long Elder Parman
preached while he was preaching a
Wesleyan local preacher came in
by the name of Briant whose prin-
ciple qualities consisted of ignorance
and self conceit he had interfered
with the saints before and he seems

ed determined to do so on this occasion
 for as soon as Brother Parnman had
 done preaching he began to speak
 and as he would not leave off we sang
 "Praise to the man who communed
 with Jehovah" and drowned his voice
 he began again after the meeting
 when the woman of the house interfered
 and after a little bother he left the
 house he then began again outside the
 devil seemed to have marshalled his
 forces for a row but the power of the Lord
 was stronger. 24th went distributed
 tracts at Shenley and Ridge in the
 after part ^{of the day} went to Radlett and Watford
 25 returned to St. Albans walked —
 during the week 144 miles

Sunday September 26th attended
 the morning meeting at St. Albans church
 at South Mimms in the afternoon to a few
 most of them Saints had a better congregation
 in the evening after the meeting returned
 to St. Albans. 27th went to Wheathampstead
 in the evening attended the first —

Priesthood meeting held in St Albans
 for the Officers of the Essex Conference
 living in Hertfordshire Elders Slack and
 Squires and the Travelling Elders of the
 Hertford district and other officers were
 present I was appointed Clerk to the
 meetings for the present some good instru-
 ctions were given and it was unanimously
 Resolved that we hold a fast day the
 first Sunday in every month. 28th preached
 in the evening meeting at St Albans
 29th distributed tracts at Harpenden.
 30th preached to a few of the Saints from
 North Mimms and some strangers at South
 Mimms we had a good meeting.
 Oct 31st distributed tracts at Shenley
 and Ridge 2nd came home to St Albans
 walked 16 miles during the week.
 October 3rd met with the Saints at 10
 o'clock to fast and pray for the onward
 roll of the work in this region we had a
 good day I preached in the evening
 it was hindered by rain from going to
 the meeting wrote the minutes of

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the Priesthood meeting out 5th changed the tracts at Wheathamstead attended the meeting at St Albans in the evening. Elders Black & Squires were there after the meeting we held a council when Thomas Butler's case was brought forward as he continued obstinate it was carried unanimously that he be cut off the Church. Oct^r 6th went to Harpenden it rained most of the way the but it held so as to admit of my changing the tracts after returning to St Albans I went to North Mimms expecting to baptize a young woman but she did not come Elders Black and Squires were over there. there was a council meeting held at Brother Caley's when the Saints in Shenley Potters Bar and Shenley and Bro W Brown at South Mimms were organized into a Branch and I was appointed President & W Brown was ordained to the office of Teacher after the meeting Elder Parnman and myself walked to St Albans as they were short of beds in the North Mimms Branch. 7th went to South

Mumma with Elder Paxman distributed tracts and preached in the evening 8th went in the morning to Ridge. Rably. and Ridge Hill with tracts in the afternoon walked to the Burnet Railway Station and took train to London walked from the Station to Bro. R. Bowlden's had the pleasure of the society of Sister Woodward and Willes whose husbands had gone forth to preach the Gospel to the nations 9th went with Sister Anne Bowlden to see some of the Saints in the evening Elder Jabez Woodward came home from Italy his visit was rather unexpected. Sunday October 10th went in the morning to the Old Kent Road meeting room. Elder Woodward preached. in the afternoon went with Elder Woodward Sister Woodward and Bowlden to the Holborn meeting room after the meeting went with to tea with Elder Shorten at Brother Sheffer's Elder Woodward preached in the evening after which I walked home with Sister Seawood from Malden. 11th went to Spence St. Tolington to see Sister Nancy Orrell from

Maldon and went to tea with her and some more saints at Sister Harper's in the evening went to meeting Elder Woodward and Keaton a travelling Elder in the Southampton Conference were there had a good meeting Tuesday October 12th went to Elder Woodward's house and had the pleasure of receiving a blessing under his hands Elder Woodward holds the office of High Priest and is President of the Station Mission. he said I was capable of bearing many afflictions that I should be tried by those over whom I was called to preside and by those who presided over me. he exhorted me to obey the councils of those who were over me in the Lord even if called to cast my garments into the fire and travel barefooted and bareheaded he told me to read the Revelations in the Doctrines and Covenants and said that I should bring many to knowledge of the truth. he told me to meditate for by meditation I should gain knowledge &c after which I took leave of the Saints with whom I had been visiting and walked with

Sister Birrell to her home in Spencer Street from there I walked to Whetstone and had some refreshments with Buthe and Sister Howard and Sister Franklin walked from there to St Albans attended the meeting in the evening James Street was ordained Priest under the hands of Elder Squires and myself and Emma Seales received from the Bishop Hartford branch. 13th distributed tracts at Wheat-hams 1st and waited till evening in expectation of having a room to preach in was disappointed through the woman's husband, who had consented to allow me to preach 14th attended the meeting at South Mimms Elder Squires preached after the meeting held our first Council W Brown was appointed collector for the Church Fund and Daniel Brown collector for the Emigration Fund. 15th distributed tracts at Ridge and the region round I was invited to partake of some refreshment at a Farmer's house by his house keeper I thank God for having my way for I should not have

had any dinner had he not inclined
the Woman to minister to my wants in
the afternoon I went to Elder Daniel
Brown's at Potters Bar and returned to
St Albans in the evening walked during
the last fortnight 107 miles & 11 -

Sunday October 17th preached in the
morning at St Albans in the afternoon at
South Mimms and in the evening at
Colney Heath in the North Mimms meet-
ing room after which returned to St Albans
18th went to Harpenden and Rickbourn.
Green a man gave me £ or I should not
have any dinner thanks be to God for
opening my way. 19th attended the evening
meeting at St Albans. 20th went to Wheathampstead
and Jasset wood 21st went to South
Mimms & Potters Bar and Elder Pennell
to fetch some tracts for distribution 22nd went
to Bridge South Mimms and St Albans
walked during the week 65 miles.

Sunday October 24th preached in the evening
to a good congregation at St Albans. 25th
changed the tracts at Harpenden and return

to St Albans in time for the Priesthood meeting upon enquiring into the Books Agents accounts it was found that he was deficient to the amount £3.1.8 he had been spending the money and we could not detect it when his accounts were audited last September for want of a balance sheet but the London Agent having forwarded a balance he could not hide his fault as he confessed it he was suspended from the Priesthood till he paid the deficiency he agreed to pay 3/- per week. an alteration was made in the Book Agency all the Books were ordered to be sent to St Albans for the 5 Branches comprising the Hertford district the Agent to forward them to the branches I was appointed Book Agent. 26th Elder Henry Squires preached at St Albans in the evening and Priest John Putter was ordained an Elder our hands I believe Brother Putter to be a worthy man he has always behaved very kind to me like a father would to son for which may God abundantly bless him. 27th

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changed the tract in Wheathurstead the
Lord again raised me up a friend who gave
me some food she will not lose her reward
28th went to Shenley and South Mimms
Elder Squires preached in the evening to
Bro W Brown the woman of the house
myself and some children 29th went from
Shenley to Ridge on my way called for a
tract left at a Mrs Palmer who I found upon
enquiry came from Woodhammortimer about
2 1/2 miles from Maldon she gave me some food
and I went on my way rejoicing a Woman
at Ridge gave me a shilling thus the Lord
raises a few to minister unto me in the
afternoon I distributed some tracts in Potters
Bar and returned home in the evening
it was very uncomfortable walking as it rained
but I got through and reached home about
11 o'clock. I thank for opening my way
this week and pray that I may do his
will and bring many to the knowledge
of the truth walked during the week similar
Sunday October 31st Elders Slack and
Little came over from Watford we had a

Prostrate day Elder Slack preached in the evening to a good congregation there were a few strangers present. November 1st changed the tracts at Wheathamstead the Parsons have began to persecute themselves in that place to prevent the people believing the message of the last days 2nd went to Harpenden the weather was wet and has been off and on for some days had a fellowship meeting at St Albans in the evening 3rd went to North Mimms to take the "Stars" and receive brot Elder Squires came there during the day returned home in the evening 4th walked to Shenley and from there to Ridge Mrs Palmer and South Mimms preached to a small congregation there in the evening after which we held our Council 5th distributed a few tracts at Potters Bar and came home in the evening walked during the week 57 miles. Sunday November 7th we fasted and prayed The Lord was with us the Saints felt rather low in consequence of the work falling off we had a few strangers in the evening 8th went to Wheathamstead.

with the usual success 9th Elder Squires was
with us in our evening meeting we enjoyed
much of the Spirit of God on this occasion
10th went to Harpenden and Kinsbourne green
& distributed some tracts 11th went to South
Mimms Ridge Mrs Palmer and Shentley
had some little conversation with Mrs Palmer
and family Nov^r 12th it rained fast in the
morning and I had neither umbrella
or top coat with me and had a journey
of 14 miles before me but I started with a
determination to go through I had not gone
far before I found the water across the road
and had to set my foot into it to get across
a bridge a little further on I had to wade
through it and still further on I found
that I must either walk through again
or cross some fields I preferred the latter
alternative but it was by no means pleasant
by this time I had arrived at Mimms
when I found that the road was completely
blocked up for foot passengers the water run
ning down in a stream had to take to the
fields again had not gone far before I had

to cross a road where the water was running down and after leaving the fields had to walked through the water again however I reached Potters Bar in safety but was very wet as it rained all the time. I changed the tracts there and then walked to St Albans it was fine the last six miles the Lord gave strength to accomplish my object before I obeyed his Gospel I would not have scarcely walked a mile for religion especially in the wet but now I feel willing to walk hundreds so that I may bring some to the knowledge of the truth there appears to be a spirit of enquiry in Potters Bar may the Lord enable me to convince some of the truths of his Gospel in that place walked 42 miles this week Sunday Nov^r 14th preached at St Albans 16th distributed tracts in Wheathampstead Baptized William Brown and Henry Butler in the evening at Saint Albans William Brown had been cut off of the Church twice before he is a man of strong passions and has given way when temptations have come upon him in

other respects he appears to act as becometh a Saint tis only when his temper overcoms him that he gets ungovernable he desired to reunite with the branch and having experienced the evils of sinning and falling I hope it will lead him to watch and pray lest he enter into temptation.

Henry Butten is a son of Elder John Butten and is a little over 3 years old. 16th met with the Saints at St Albans 17th went to Harpenden and Kinstown Green and from there to a place called Flys wash to get a tract that was carried there from Harpenden Flys wash is near Flamstead and as there was a branch there belonging to the Bedford Conference I thought I would go and see the Saints I went to Brother Burgess the President and had some refreshment after which I called upon Sister Morton one of the contributors to the Star her poetry ~~after~~ finds place in that paper I felt well in her company after calling at some more houses I returned to St Albans passing through Redbourn 18th went to

South Minnis and Pottery Bar preached at Minnis in the evening 19th went to Minnis, Ridge hill, Shenley and Rabby had some conversation with the Missionary at Mrs Palmer's he admitted that he prevented Eliza Jerome (a young woman at Minnis) being baptized after distributing tracts in these places and visiting and conversing with Mr Wynar I returned St Albans found Elder Chapman there a Travelling Elder in the Bedford Conference he was a member of the Maldon branch at the same time as myself his visit was unexpected but welcome walked during the week 50 miles.

Sunday 21st had some good meetings Elder Chapman was with us 23rd he left St Albans on his way to Bedford and I went to Wheatthorpe 23rd went to Harpenden Nov^r 24th started from St Albans on my way to Maldon to attend the Conference met Elder Squires at Hatfield and we walked on from there to Hertford stayed there that night and slept at Broken Harb 25th started early in the

morning

in company with Elder Squires and passed through Ware, Ware Side, and Hadham, and arrived at Bishop Stortford between 12 and 1 o'clock there is a small branch then belonging to the Cambridge Conference we called to see Par and Sister Brainer and then resumed our journey passing through Hatfield Heath, the White and Leaden Rootings between the Rootings a man offered us a ride which we gladly accepted we rode about 3 miles and then walked on to Chelmsford having walked 3 miles during the day we stayed at Chelmsford that night and slept at Elder William Squires 26th we walked with Elder Moss to Danbury and dined at Br. Poretto after which we walked to Malden found a hearty welcome at home of course I felt glad to meet my Parents and Sisters after an absence of 5 months 27th we met in Council in the evening when the following alterations were made in the Conference Elder Coleman was moved from Braintree into the Hertford district under Par Squires

Elder Penrose was appointed to take charge of the Romford branch as well as the Colchester as Elder Arthur Sturges was going to emigrate. Elder C. L. T. Harrison was released from the Romford district and appointed to act as counsellor to Brother Black.

Elder David Parnham was appointed President of the Romford district. Elder Moss was appointed to look after Braintree which was included in his district. Elder Harrison was appointed Clerk instead of Stephen Forsdick about to emigrate. Sunday Nov 28th we assembled at the Cornwell Lecture Hall at half past ten in the morning and again in the afternoon several of the brethren addressed the meeting in the afternoon and in the evening Elder Gates preached to a good congregation of Saints and the world. 29th parted with some of the brethren and in the evening Elder Gates left for London. 30th visited some of my relations and Mr Wilmslow and his housekeeper. Miss Smith went into his best room.

and had some conversation with them in the evening we had a party of friends at home and had a good spree 31st went with Bro. Slack to Danbury had a walk in the Park with Sister Marianna Crabb in the afternoon attended a meeting at Brother Bretts in the evening I preached a little while and Elder Slack occupied the rest of the time after which we ordained Bro Brett an Elder. Bro Brett has got along first rate he was baptized 2 days after myself he was first ordained an Elder then a Priest and now has received the Melchisedek Priesthood he has always manifested a desire to do right and obey Council he is a distant relative and being baptized soon after the introduction of Mormonism into that part of Essex we were felt happy together and could look upon each other as old standbys he has had to sacrifice for the Gospel having lost some of his customers for daring to think and act different to their own contracted views since I left the Malden Branch Elder has

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baptize of two of a sect called "New Lights" who have lately disagreed among themselves concerning a new doctrine taught by some of their Elders that "faith is not the gift of God." For and his Keys left the society through this principle and ~~many~~ have followed their example and formed another sect. Dec^r 2nd returned to Walston attended the meeting in the evening Elder Platte, Br. Voisdick and myself occupied this time. Dec^r 3rd left Walston in the afternoon for St Albans my Father came on the way a short distance after parting with ^{him}. I walked to Danbury had some refreshment and then walked to Chelmsford rode by rail from there to London St Bowden met me at the Station after supper at her house. I went to Brother Deighton's and slept there. Dec^r 4th went to the office in Jewin Street got the stars for the Hertford district from ^{there} I went to the Kings Cross station Elder John Squires Henry Squires Brother and myself rode from there to Barnet. I parted with him there and walked to St Albans. I traveled 134 miles from Nov. 24 to Dec^r 5th walked during the last fortnight about

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1499 miles. Sunday December 5th 1862
 preached in the evening had no strangers we
 had a good meeting 6th changed the tracts at
 Wheathampstead 7th had a meeting at St Albans
 Elder Innes preached there were not many present
 for their work was very bad and they
 had neglected to set the Lord first and as a
 natural consequence had lost the Spirit of
 Faith held a Council after meeting 8th went
 to Harpenden and changed the tracts in the
 evening we had a party at Sister Streets to celebrate
 Sister Lenns birthday 9th went to South Mimms
 Shenley Ridge and laboured about that
 region during the day in the evening return-
 ed to South Mimms for the purpose of
 seeing Mr William Brown he came part of
 the way back to Shenley with me we lost
 our room ^{at South Mimms} this week in consequence of Mrs.
 Morris removing to London 10th walked from
 Shenley to Potters Bar changed the tracts
 and talked to some of the people found
 that there as elsewhere a Spirit of opposition
 to the Truth manifested itself how dark
 the people have become their minds are

completely closed so much so that they cannot perceive the "truth" or the necessity of persisting all to follow it truly, what a deadening influence the Devil exerts over the Children of men what cause those have to render praise and thanksgiving to the giver of every good and perfect gift who have been brought out of nature's darkness into the light and liberty of the Everlasting Gospel. may it be counted worthy to stand so that I may realize every blessing our Father has in store for his faithful children amen.

in the evening. I walked from Potters Bar to St Albans and thus finished my week's travels walked about 147 miles in the week when I arrived at St Albans I found Elder Harrison there and J. B. Franklin from Whitstone he left next morning Sunday December 13th 1852 met with the Saints during the day Elder Harrison preached a good discourse in the evening 13th distributed tracts at Wheatthornstead and No man's land returned to St Albans in the evening Elder Guinness

and Harrison were the former having brought a collection with him from the branches to assist Elder Gates in emigrating, in the belly we collected £5 0 0 in the district out of which St Albans paid £1 7 0 South Quorum 7/- in the evening met in an extra Council to take in consideration how to reduce the debt owing by the branch which amounted to £2 8 6 which would have been paid or a greater part of it had the Saints kept their covenants to pay 3 pence the only conclusion we could arrive at (owing to the low condition of the Saints) was for those that were behind to pay up and all to be more regular in future, We returned to Watford with Elders Squires and Harrison returned with Elder Squires in the afternoon in the evening we had a meeting at St Albans Elder Squires presiding 15th changed the tracts at Harpenden. 16th went to Potters Bar and changed the tracts there held a Council at Elder Daniel Brown appointed him to visit the Saints on Sunday fortnight with William Brown

after meeting walked with William to South-
 Mimms as we thought it was to late for me to
 go to Shenley. Dr Brown offered me a lodging
 at Mimms I consented on condition of
 his sleeping with me for I was not over
 fond of a lodging house he consented so
 we slept together at the Glough in the
 night we had a heavy Hail storm which
 broke three panes of glass in the window of
 the room where I slept and quite a number
 were broken in the neighbourhood of the church
 a few tracts found that Mrs Palmer mind
 was getting dark in consequence of giving
 heed to doubts and fables which the
 Missionary has not been slow in supplying
 returned to St Albans in the evening found
 Elder Harrison there and audited the
 the Brook accounts on Saturday walked
 about 52 miles during the week).

Sunday December 19th preached in the
 morning held a fellowship meeting in the
 afternoon and preached again in the
 evening Dec 20th went to Hertford to attend
 the Parish meeting we met in Pm.

Squires' keeping in in Elder Harrison presided
it was proposed and carried unanimously that
I resign the presidency of the St Albans
and South Trinidad branches and proceed
to the Colchester district to labour under
the Presidency of Elder Pownse this was
something unlooked for a few days before
Elder Harrison had been to St Albans a
few days and could see the necessity
of my removal in consequence of the
poverty of the Saints and the little
apparent good to be done for some time
there has been no strangers in the meetings
some of the Saints also displayed a
refractory Spirit one of them seemed to
be angry with me for teaching them
to pay the Lords Pence first and
then attend to other matters after
but I counseled them according to
the instructions given me and feel
all right about it. it was moved in
Priesthood meeting that I receive a
vote of thanks for my services. Elder
Harrison and the brethren expressed their

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satisfaction by that in the course I had
pursued Ist walked to St Albans with Elder
Harrison and Squires in the evening we held
a Church meeting when James Street
holding the office of Priest was appointed
president of the St Albans branch

Thomas Goodman was appointed Book
Agent for the branch it was resolved
that the meeting room be given up
when Br Butter leaves for the Valley
Br William Brown offered his room
for the Saints to meet in after the room
was given up Br Butter proposed a
vote of thanks for the services I had
devoted to them which ^{was} carried unani-
mously Elder Harrison and Squires
gave some instruction and the meeting
was closed by prayer Ind gathered
the tracts in from No man's land
Wheatthamstead and Harpenden
returned to St Albans in the evening
this finished my labours at St
Albans and South Mimms during
the whole of my mission the Lord

has upheld me and enabled to act
 in my calling, I desire to thank him
 for his goodness. St Albans contains
 about 8,000 inhabitants it is an
 ancient town and close by are the
 remains of a wall which belonged
 to the Roman city of Verulamium.
 There is a fine old Abbey in St
 Albans but when it was built and
 who built it I am not able to state.
 Thursday Dec. 23rd left St Albans
 on my way to London prior to de-
 parting on my mission to the Colche-
 ter district, walked to Shenley and
 from there to Potters bar and the
 region round Shenley and Ridge
 gathered in the tract, had an
 interview with Elder Daniel Brown
 told him of his appointment to
 the Presidency of the South
 Western branch which he accepted
 in the evening returned to Shenley
 24th left Shenley in the morning and went
 to London stayed at Jewin St and paid

in the mornings I had in hand as
Book Agent for the Hartford district
from there I went to his Bowdents
left that night at Parthen Deightons
25th Christmas day my sister Lucetta
and his Rosa burrell and Wilson and
Bro Peirson came to see me and I went
to out with them in the morning dined
at Bro Deightons in the evening went
to the Eastern Lecture Hall Whitechapel
to attend a Council held preparatory
to the Pastoral Conference which was
to assemble on the morrow we had a
frustrate meeting Elders Daniel Spencer
and John Van Cott of the last corps
appointed from the Valley were there
Elders Gates T. Squires J. H. Lewis and
Bro Hackett and a number of Travelling
Elders were also there I was appointed
with some more to show the people to
seats Elders Spencer and Van Cott gave
us some good instructions after meeting
arrived at Bro Deightons walked
12 miles during the week

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Sunday December 26th 1852
the Conference met at the Freemasons
Hall I was there and attended to my
appointment in the morning and
afternoon in the evening there were such
a number present that every seat was
occupied and numbers had to stand
so I had nothing to do. I enjoyed my
first rate during the day in the morning
Elders Marsden, Squires, Lewis, and Stack
gave in their reports and Elder Claudius
Spencer addressed the meeting
in the afternoon Elder Gates gave some
instructions after which Elder Marsden
read a Revelation given to Por Joseph
July 12th 1843 which treated upon
marriage Plurality of Wives &c. This
was the first time that principle had
been publicly proclaimed in this part
of the world and of course it attracted
the attention of the Saints and came in
contact with the systems they had been
led to believe in the Spirit of God
was with us during the afternoon in

1st ¹⁰⁰²
The evening Elders Daniel Spencer
Claudio Spencer John Van Cott. John
J. Guyman & J. B. Long addressed the
meeting we had a first rate day the
hall was crowded in the evening es-
pecially - the Hall itself greatly added
to the beauty of the scenery being
decorated with the various insignia
of the Freemasons on Monday went
to a festival in Yabernacle Row
Simsbury on Tuesday went with
Elders Guyman Rob Smith & Clark
& S. W. Harrison & several and a
number of Sisters to St Pauls
the National Gallery Westminster
- ten Abbey the Houses of Parlia-
ment in the evening some of us
went to the Surrey Theatre and
saw Uncle Tom and a Pantomime
performed on Wednesday went to
the West End to find out my
Uncle Stephen Stratford's Widow
found her returned to Brother
Providence in the evening we had

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a party there. Elders. Haddon and
Pack were present. Thursday left
Br. Deighton and took the train
at Thoresby road from there to
Plethmsford found some of the Society
rather disturbed about the Thursday
Dochter had some conversation with
Alice. Sat. about it from there I wal-
ked to Lumbury or part of the way
a man offered me a ride part of the
journey. stayed there till evening
and then walked to Maldon address-
ed a meeting there for a short
time. walked 5.3 miles.

Saturday, January 1st 1853
started in the afternoon from Lumbury
with Elder Perrowe on my mission
to the Colchester District rode part of
the way in a Brewers Wagon
Sunday Jan 2nd being the first Sun-
day in the month we fasted before
the Lord in the afternoon we met at
Br. Hall's in a fellowship meeting
in the evening Elder Perrowe read

The Revelation upon Celestial Marriage
we had an excellent meeting after Elder
Perroni had spoken I made a few
remarks and then meeting closed in
peace on Sunday Elder Perroni and
myself went to Ipswich to attend
a festival there we overtook Sisters
Rose Gower and Mary Ann Brad-
cough on the road who accompanied
us to the meeting Elder George Day
conducted the meeting which was
enlivened with songs speeches and
recitations and also by two accordions
which made the meeting a joyous
one assisted and cheered as we were
by an abundant portion of the Holy
Spirit I realized a large portion of
the Spirit in answer to prayer
it has seldom been my lot to feel
better while addressing the people
we broke up about half past two in
the morning on Tuesday we dined
at Mr. Robinsons who with his wife
entertained joining the Church

shouldly. I have learnt since that they
have been baptized & were baptized
the week of the festival. Jan^y 5th
went with Elder Penrose to Boxford
Suffolk where the other branch of the
Colchester District was located found
some honest good hearted saints
there preached in their chapel in
the evening the first time I had
ever preached in a pulpit Thursday
and Friday stayed with the saints
conducted a fellowship meeting there
on Friday evening left Boxford on
Saturday for Colchester walked 14
miles during the week. Sunday Jan^y
conducted two meetings at The Wells
preached in the evening upon the Book
of Mormon in Monday Jan 10th the
Penrose came to Colchester and we
walked together to Malden and atten-
ded the Priesthood meeting in the
evening we had a fraternal meeting
Elder Penrose proposed that I act as
President of the Colchester branch

which was overruled by Elder Slack and
carried unanimously. it was also
resolved that we hold a festival at
Danbury on this Wednesday evening
on Tuesday we had an open Council
at the house of Elder Piers some
excellent instructions were given by
the brethren. on Wednesday I went with
Br. Harrison to Danbury we had a
glorious festival in the evening the Lord
blessed us richly with his Spirit
Elder Piers preached and we
all felt well returned to Malden
after the meeting with Br. Slack
Piers and some of the Malden
saints 13th walked to Colchester with
Brother Piers. we had a meeting
at Br. Wier's in the evening Elder
Slack was there. I was received
as President and Deacon Wier was
ordained Teacher 14th Elder Piers
and Slack went to Boxford I went
with them as far as Faybend dis-
tributed a few tracts there and

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anguished for a room to preach in
 Elder Perrowe gave me the address
 of a Mrs. Eady who was understood
 to be favourable to the Gospel. I left
 a tract with her walked during the
 week 56 miles Sunday Jan 16th
 met with the Saints in Colchester but
 few of them came together I felt
 bound in spirit such a feeling as
 sometimes comes over the Saints
 and which is generally felt through
 the congregation. He allows us to
 feel our own weakness that we may
 know where our strength ^{comes from} 13th met with
 a few of the young Saints in a Teacher
 meeting 19th distributed some tracts
 at Wivenhoe and tried for a room to
 preach in 20th received a note from
 Dr. Perrowe requesting me to come over
 to Ipswich if I had no particular
 business in hand ^{a room} went to Nayland
 I hoped to obtain but was disappoint-
 ed how often it has been my lot
 to be balked in this manner

changed the track and went on to
 Bosford 21st conducted a fellowship
 meeting at Bosford Elder Prowse
 went to Walsingham 22nd returned
 to Colchester walked 80 miles during
 the week Sunday Jun 7th 23rd
 had two first class meetings a good
 number of Saints were present
 24th went to Wingham to see sister
 Sarah Ellingford who lived at
 at Mr Baynes a Parson I was asked
 to stay to dinner with her what would
 the minister have said if he ^{had} known
 I was a Mormon Elder? 25th Elder
 Prowse came over to Colchester to attend
 a Council which we held in the eve-
 ning at Dr. Keir's we laid a state-
 ment of financial affairs before
 them most of the Saints present
 volunteered to pay 2/6 each by Feb 13th
 to answer a call made upon us some
 of the Saints had not attended the
 meetings it was Resolved that
 James Johnson be summoned

to appear before the Council next
Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock if she did
not attend that she be cut off the Church.
(Mary Hickles was also summoned
to appear at the same time Sister
Bantock was to be written to and requir-
-ed to assist in money matter her
husband had threatened her life
if she attended the meetings I
agreed to visit Sister Norfolk who
lived at 180 only after business
was settled we addressed the meet-
-ing the Spirit of God was with us
and we rejoiced greatly. 26th changed
the track at Wivenhoe one woman
asked me into her house and I had
some conversation with her upon the
Gospel before going to Wivenhoe. Elder
Perross and myself called at the
office of Mr Barnes and hired a
room situated in Piccadilly Street
rent £3. 0. 0. a year 28th went to Maryland
had the pleasure of obtaining two Godsp
-nom for preaching I feel thankful

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for the prospect of preaching in that place. 29th got the key of our new meeting room walked 32 miles. Sunday Jan 7th 30th met with the church in the afternoon and evening. 31st gave Ambrose Victrol's an order for some food. February 1st went to Bosford to get some Council from Br Prowse about our meeting room met with a few of the Bosford Saints in the evening. 2nd went to Hadleigh with Br Prowse dined at Br H. Bantock's walked from there to Nayland in the afternoon preached to a congregation chiefly of Factory girls in the evening after meeting walked to Colchester 3rd went to Wivenhoe had some picturals at the house where I was invited in before returned to Colchester in the evening the night was very dark I never knew it darker held a Council at Br Cart's after my return Emma Johnson died

not attend so she was out of the Church.
Friday 11th found the bill (that was
put on our meeting room door) read
and pulled down, wrote another
and posted it higher announcing
three lectures next Sunday 5th.
Br. Prowse came over to attend
the meetings on the morrow within
34 miles during the week.

Sunday Dec 12 6th assembled at
our meeting room in the evening
few of the Saints were present
in the afternoon I preached one
two strangers were present Elder Prowse
preached in the evening a few strangers
were present we had good meetings
it was rather cold though as there
was no fire place in the room
8th went to Bramley to see Sister
Norfolk after a little disappointment
through being sent the wrong road
I found her she was very pleased
to see me she had not seen an Elder
before for some time and had been

praying the day before that if the Church
 would think that Lord might send
 some one to see her she felt firstrate
 in receiving such answers to prayer
 returned to Colchester in the afternoon
 4th changed the tract at Walsland
 commenced the meeting by singing
 and prayer and had begun to preach
 when an Independent preacher came
 in I felt rather weak I prayed to God
 for strength and went on preaching
 the trembling left me and I felt
 to preach without fear after I had
 done and was about to conclude by
 prayer when the parson asked me
 how many wives I had and called
 Joseph Smith Joe I corrected him
 which raised a laugh at his expense
 he said he would make a few re-
 marks after I was gone I said
 with Mrs. Eads's permission this
 he did not obtain so he had to
 leave without making the remarks
 he wished to make he threat

ried to come again next week we
had a crowded congregation after
leaving. Vayland obtained a
ride to Colchester 10th attended a
meeting at our room in Colchester
not many there the weather was
rather rough they do not practice
the maxim "it will do to be a
fine weather. Saint" 11th had a
letter from Thomas Goodman of
St Albans informing me that Br
Squires was released from the
Hertford District and appointed
Counsellor to Br. Black. The
district was divided and Br
Kemp appointed to preside over
the Stevenage branch and region
round and Br. Wilton of the
Kent Conference to preside over
the Hertford and Harrold branch
and that region of country 12th went
to Wivenhoe changed the tracts
worked about 22 miles during
the week Sunday Feb 7 1863 met

with the Saints in Colchester had
a few strangers in the afternoon
a Devil entered Sis Elizabeths house
during the evening service and
shook her violently I laid my
hands on her and rebuked it when
it left Elder Penrose came over
in the evening Mr. walked most
of the way to Malden with Br
Penrose got a rille a little way
attended the Priesthood meeting
in the evening and addressed it
for a short time 15th met in an
open Council in the evening
during the meeting Sister Mary
and Rosa Girell rose and asked
me interest in the prisoners of
the Saints as they were about
to leave for the Valley had a
letter from my Father who was
working in London he appeared
to be in first rate standing
16th attended a small party at
Br Hollands Sisters R & A Girell

were there it was their last night in
Maldon 17th rose early and went to the
rail with the Sisters and bid them
farewell till we meet upon the Land
of Zion may the Lord grant that
day may soon come after breakfast
elder Penrose and I started by train
for Colchester in the afternoon we
went to Nayland during our walk
we encountered one of the most
severe snow storms I ever experienced
when we arrived in Nayland we
went to Mrs Eadys with the in-
tention of preaching found we
could not preach because her
Sister was at home ill Mr Haas the
Independent Parson had had a
hand bill printed challenging
us to discussion which we found
there awaiting us the challenge
ran as follows

Challenge to Mormonism
Mr Haas undertakes to prove in
Public Discussion

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at any suitable place in Nayland
that

Mormonism is a gross imposture
Without appealing to any other author-
ity than that of the New Testament
as contrasted with the acknowledged
-ged standards of the people calling
themselves "Latter day Saints viz
the Writings of Joseph Smith and
Owen Pratt

He engages to show—

1. That Mormonism is a system
of disguised infidelity.
2. That the peculiar doctrines of
Mormonism are awfully blasphem-
-ous
3. That its pretended Histories
abound with childish absurdities
and palpable contradictions
4. That its morals are licentious
Denies of meeting and order of debate
to be determined by mutual agree-
-ment.

As we could not have a meeting

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we went to see Mr. Haas and offered to accept the challenge if he would provide a place for meeting this would not do for him though I think it would appear consistent to every reasonable person that as he put out the challenge he ought to find the place to hold it in he said our room would ^{do} but as he wished the public to be rightly informed concerning our principles he ought to have thrown open the Independent Chapel we refused to discuss in our room as it was very small it would have suited him to have packed a congregation of his own in our room so as to have his own way but we refused to listen to any such terms he told us he would come next time we came for the purpose of discussing after leaving him we went to Proford with Sisters Elmer and Stripling.

18th went to Eladleigh and preached there in the evening on Saturday returned to Colchester walked 18 miles during the week

Sunday February 28th attended the meetings in Colchester Sister Betty Bowler spoke in Tongues and gave the interpretation which had reference to the Jugaments of God being poured out she said that the plagues should be in this town in a few months; and that I should be a great and mighty man if I kept faithful that I should baptize in this town and should be gathered home and receive my washings in ointments and endowments and come forth again to the nations how often has this been prophesied of me may the Lord give me strength to realize these blessings after the evening meeting I baptized a lad George Prid and confirmed

him at Br. Wier's I had to have the ice broke to baptize him.

21st copied the following Extract from the British Banner of Feb^{ry} 2nd 1843

Manuscript Sermons
The English inimitation of Thursday
last contains the following announce-
ment. "A clergyman of experience
and moderate views who distinguished
himself during his University course
in Divinity and English composition
will furnish original sermons in
strict accordance with the principl-
es of the Church of England, in
a legible hand at 5/6 each but only
one copy will be given in any
diocese a specimen will be sent
if wished for Sermons made to
order on any required subject
on reasonable terms for further
particulars apply &c and then they
tell us God has sent them being
destitute of that Spirit will de-
liver to its possessors in the same

how that which they shall speak being without power and a knowledge of the things of God and the operations of the Holy Spirit they are left to their own wisdom instead of trusting in the help of the Lord if they have not sufficient wisdom or too lazy to compose their Sermons these more learned Brethren will do it for them are these the called of God.

22nd held a Council at Br. Weir the Agents were some of them present the financial affairs were attended to after which I reported having seen Mary Ann Cornwall in the town several Sunday evening as we could not visit her I sent a summons by Sisters Praddaigh and Brownley but she refused to attend to it it was Resolved that she be cut off the Church 23rd received a note from Mrs Eady informing me that I might preach

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there that evening after dinner I went
to Nayland. and changed the
tracts about seven in the evening
Mr. Haas and Mr. Hickman
came to our room and shortly
after Elder Penrose and 2 sisters
from Boxford also came we began
our meeting by prayer by Elder
Penrose he then began to address
the meeting (which was a crowded
one). Mr. Haas got up also and
wished to discuss though we had
repeatedly told him we would not
discuss in our little room he seem-
ed determined to have his
way and we felt as determined
that he should not the other parson
and some of his friends assisted
him but it was no use Br Penrose
kept on speaking and the others
tried to speak to the parson wish-
ing me to try and get Br Penrose
to listen to his nonsense I told
him he ought to be ashamed of

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himself he charged me with writing
to a servant girl at Langham
(Miss Ellingford) and asking her
to assist in paying the rent of the
room I told him to mind his
own business I had written to her
but what business was that of
his. after he found he could
not obtain a hearing he sat
down and said he would not
discuss a good reason why
because we would not let him
Br Perrowe preached afterwards
Mr. Flaus it ought to be less!
then offered Br Perrowe the priv-
ilege of attending a lecture upon
the subject to be delivered at his
Chapel the next evening. he would
preach about three quarters of an
hour and then Br Perrowe
might have a quarter of an hour
to reply and he would then
have another quarter to answer
him making an hour at least

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to Be Penrose's quarter a fine pro-
position certainly we declined this
offer of course if he could have
got us to his meeting he would
have come to ours next week
after meeting returned to Colch^{es}
the row was something like the
one Paul had on Fair's hill
and a similar motive actuated
the originators of both disturban^{ces}
there will be a good work done
if we are allowed to preach there
I hope Fives Gades won't be
frightened and pray that the
opposers of the truth in that
village may signally fail in
their attempt to overthrow the
truth and believe that this will
be the result of our labours there
24th attended a fellowship meeting
in Colchester on Friday I changed
the track at Haverhoe on Fri
26th the bills we had ordered
from London came down I sent

a number of them into the town
by Sister Bradlaugh and Brother
Duckett the following is a copy of the
bills. - To the Inhabitants of
Gloucester. P'de it known unto
you that God who spoke in times
of old, unto the inhabitants of the
Earth by the Prophets, and in the
Incarnation of time to the Jews by
His "only begotten Son" has in these
last days through his servant Joseph
Smith, restored the fulness of the
"Everlasting Gospel" to be preached
to every nation and people under
the whole heaven. He has reorgan-
ized his Church and Kingdom
after the ancient pattern, viz. Apostles,
Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers,
; who are travelling among the nations
of the earth with authority to
administer the Ordinances of Bap-
tism for the Remission of Sin; the
Laying on of Hands for the reception
of the Holy Ghost, and every other

ordinance pertaining to the Kingdom of God. We Elders in the Church of Christ travelling "without purse and scrip" call upon you to put away the false notions and traditions of your forefathers, and come in the Spirit of humility and be Baptized in water for the Remission of your sins, and we promise you in the name of the Lord "the Gift of the Holy Ghost" which shall give dreams, visions, the gift of tongues, prophecy, discernment of spirits, healing, &c. and you shall know for yourselves that these things are true.

We hereby testify that we know that Joseph Smith whom wicked men falsely called christians have slain - was a Prophet of the Most High God and the principles which he taught are true; and having received Authority to Preach those Principles; in order to lay them before you we have taken the late

12 Infant School Room.
Opposite the New British School Room
Priny Street Colchester

We invite you to attend our Meetings,
which will be held on Lords day
Morning at 11; afternoon at 3; and
in the evening at half past five
o'clock with an earnest desire for
the spread of truth and righteous-
ness and the banishment of error
and wickedness from the earth

We subscribe ourselves

Your servants for the Lords sake
Charles W Penrose

Edwin Streetford

on Saturday afternoon I went to
Hockley with Sister Fowler
to see her sister returned to Colches-
ter in the evening walked 18 miles
during the week.

Sunday Feb^{ry} 24 attended the
meetings and preached had some
strangers all three times on Monday
evening I went to the Bank with

Sister Bowler & ^{2d} changed the tracks at Nayland Eldon Penrose came over and preached in the evening we had a full meeting the Parsons did not come after meeting went to Stone St Bosford returned to Colchester the next day had a private meeting in the evening there were very few Saints there on Friday I changed the tracks at Nivenhoe borrowed the Ipswich Express for March 1st and copied the following extract giving an account of our proceedings at Nayland it was headed

Mormonism at Nayland
In two or three years past the "Latter day Saints" of Colchester and Bosford, headed by their resident Eldon, have periodically visited this place, and with a zeal and perseverance worthy of a better cause, have tried to make converts, but hitherto their proselytism has signally failed, not one person having been baptized by them. Lately they have

removed their exertions, and have retired from house to house with their loan tracts; one of the tracts contains the following challenge; "We believe the Book of Mormon to be sacred and divinely inspired records, containing the word of God, and equal in authority with the Bible and we call upon all the learned and wise of Christendom to show the contrary" a few plain folks whose watch word is "the Bible and the Bible only" thought that this looked very much like an invitation to discussion, and accordingly went to the next meeting where a tedious harangue was inflicted upon them, which they endured to the conclusion. Having obtained permission of the person at whose house they were met, it being understood they ventured very respectfully to solicit a hearing, that they might show the contrary. This was met by the Prophet with, "We don't wish to hear to reason we won't discuss, you shall be turned out &c. &c." Such arguments were of course unanswerable, and the servants of the Prince of Peace withdrew. Soon afterwards the following handbill was freely circulated in the neighbourhoods -

By order of the Board of Directors in London Conference

Here followed the Challenges found on another page.

It was said by brokers on that the champions of the new faith could not afford to lose this chance of establishing themselves in Newland, and a public disputation was inevitable & consequently the next meeting which was held last Wednesday evening, was thronged. But the prophets were insouciant; no question would they answer; no terms would they come to; no word would they hear. The people present, almost unanimously, claimed for the challenger at least one quarter of an hour; but it was all in vain nothing could bring these Elders into the light. The meeting quietly broke up; after expressing in a becomingly subdued tone its indignation at the latter day sinners. Notice was given of a lecture upon the subject next evening at the Independent chapel, which was well attended. Much obliged to Mr. Thomas but would have liked him to have told the truth. But what can be expected from one who dares to lift his arm

against Jehovah what other weapons
could he use but falsehood and calumny
he has acted well his part and through
the whole affair has manifested in an
unmistakeable manner the spirit he is of
as I was the individual who inflicted
the tedious harangue I must say
I differ from the Ipswich Express
for the parsonet whose house we were
met did not give the challenge for
mission to have a hearing on that
occasion neither did I say you shall
be turned out similar language to
this was used in the second meeting
when Mr. Hales seemed determined
to discuss after we had told him we
would not to true the congregation
expressed their indignation at the
"Latter day Sinners" who are they
those who "place darkness for light
and light for darkness" who turn
away the peoples ears from the
truth and turn them to fables
those who preach for hire and

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divine for money" & they did not fail to express their indignation at Mr. Haas some of the people were in his favor of course as a preacher of respectability he could not err" (1)

walked 130 miles during the week

Sunday March 5th 1852

attended the meetings in Colchester during the day had a fistrate day March 5th Sister Bowles notification came informing that the ship (Fulco) was chartered to sail on the 23rd on the 9th I preached a short time at Weyland Haas & Perre also addressed the meeting a young woman had been baptiz^d the previous evening from Weyland by Elder Perre at Dorset. Her name is Eliza Litchingford 12th changed the tract at Weyland walked 18 miles during the week Sunday March 13 Elder Slack paid us a visit and gave us some excellent instructions during

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Monday 14th we walked to Malden.
Elder Brett myself and Elder Perrowe
he having come from Haverhill the same
morning attended the meeting
of the Priesthood after meeting Elder
Brett baptized William Nickolls
Assisted in his confirmation
15th we preached at Mayland
to a good congregation. 18th changed
the tract at Wicenthoe Sunday
March 20th preached in the
morning and evening held
a Church meeting in the
afternoon a number of resolu-
tions were passed relative to
sustaining the Authorities
23rd Elder Perrowe and myself
started for Hallowell to attend
a Conference which was to be
held there the next Sunday
we walked to Coggeshall and
had some refreshment and
from there we walked to
Brunswick and preached there

at Chester. Silvers slept there that night 24th walked to Bishop's Hartford and slept at Brother's. That night 25th walked to Hartford. 26th we began our conference on Saturday morning. Elder Benjamin Brown our Pastor was there. Elder Shack proposed many arrangements for the spread of the work. The local brethren were appointed to various fields of labour to be supplied with back "stars" tracts &c to open their way, and some were appointed to offices in the Church. Jonathan Dye was appointed, priest and to labour under Elder ^{Pastor} ~~Brown~~ in the Hartford district and Michael Clark to labour in the Chelmsford district under Dr. Moore. Some old debts that were upon the branches and some old "stars" tracts &c were thrown into ord

debt and a fund established to
pay for the same to be called a
tract fund Elder Brown gave
us some wise instructions and
we felt first rate walked 11 miles
during the week.

Sunday March 24th our meetings
were held in the Saints meeting
room Herford Elder Brown
addressed us in the morning
Elder Harrison Squires Perrowe
in the afternoon and Elder
Brown in the evening we
had first rate meetings the
Spirit of God was with us
after meeting I went with
some brethren & sisters to Smith
and 28th we had a festival
at Herford on Tuesday I
with some of the brethren and
sisters to St Albans 30th walked
to Watford and rode by railway
to Pondon 31st rode to Chelmsford
and ~~rode~~^{walked} from there to Dunbury

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preached there in the evening
after meeting, Elder Brett bap-
tized David Pudsey and
confirmed him he appears to be
a good spirit may be be enabled
to keep faithful went to Malton
next day found my Mother &
sister prostrate April 2nd walked
8 miles on the road to Colchester
a gentleman gave me a ride the
rest of the way, walked 12 miles
knew 37 during the week

Sunday April 3rd had no
meeting in the morning no singing
there but Mr Bird had meetings
in the afternoon and evening there
were very few Saints there during
the day the powers of darkness
seem to make a great stand
against the work of the Lord in
this town most of the Saints
who have the opportunity of attending
seem to be lukewarm in fact
there seems to be a determine

opposition to the truth may the Lord
give me wisdom to act in righteous-
ness and instruct the Saints in their
duties at this critical period. I
called at ~~Boxford~~ Nayland on
my way to Boxford found that
Mrs. Eddy had been threatened by
her landlord I could not preach
there any more for the present -
I preached in the Saint Meeting
room Boxford to a few Saints
I changed the few tracts I could
get hold of in Nayland and
walked to Colchester had some
conversation with a Miller in
Nayland 8th Elder Perriac
came to Colchester we held an open
Council in the evening Mr.
Hall attended in the absence
to a summons ^{giving} sent him he
found fault with Morality
and the manner of raising
money he said he did not
value his standing in

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might cut him off or suspend
him or do what we liked with
him I proposed and Elder
Penrose seconded a motion
that he be cut off the church
unanimously I collected all
the tracts I could from which
we walked 30 miles during
the week Sunday April 10th
had some first time meetings
some strangers there all 12
times 1st went to Bromley
changed the tracts at Nayland
on the 13th on the 16th went to
Bosford with Elder Slack
Sunday April 17th attended
the morning and afternoon
at Bosford preached at Glad
Leigh in the evening to five
individuals after meeting return
to Bosford 18th went to Loring
to it with Elder Slack dined
at Sister Jacobs' and then went
to Colchester the crick was sent

round to announce a Lecture by Elder
Slack which was as well attended
as could be expected. Elder Slack
went to Braintree the next day and
it returned to Bedford preached in
the evening. changed the tract
at Maryland on Wednesday on
Thursday Elder Fenwick returned
from Flawick. the prospects were
very fair in that quarter. I returned
to Colchester on Saturday walked
95 miles during the last fortnight
Sunday April 21st Teacher
Samuel Smith of the Danbury
branch addressed the meeting
for a short time. he has left
Danbury and come to Colches-
ter with the intention of
working with Br. Clark. I preached
to a good congregation in the
evening on Monday walked
to Bedford had a very quiet jour-
ney on Tuesday. Elder Fenwick
went to Abington and

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on Wednesday we went to Sudbury
a nice little town having 3
churches and Woldingfield
on Thursday changed the facts at
Mayland and went to Little Horsham
from there to Colchester on Friday
I distributed some "Bible way
to saved" in Bromley walked
51 miles during the week.

Sunday May 1st a few of the saints
fasted with me on Monday I went
to Braintree to attend a session
there the meeting was rather disorder-
ly but was good in other respects
Elder Squires prophesied that the
Kingdoms of the Earth would be
thrown down to prepare for the
spread of the Truth. after the meet-
ing we sat up some time as no
beds had been provided and then
most of us lay down on the
floor Elder Squires had a carpet
bag for a pillow while I had to
be content with a boot on Tuesday

morning we obtained Br James
Marchbanks an Elder, preparatory to
his starting on a mission to Watford
to take charge of that branch and
after dinner we walked to Colchester
on Wednesday I went a little way
to meet Elder Squires who was com-
ing to pay us a visit on Thursday
went with him and Br Weir to see
some of the antiquities of the town
we went to the Castle built by a
Colony of Romans as a temple to
their deified Emperor Claudius
Caesar an old Church (Magna Lane,
also attracted our attention being
one of the smallest I ever saw
Elder Squires preached in the
evening on Friday I went part
of the way on his road to Boreham
with him after parting with him
I changed the track and returned
to Colchester went to Bromley the
following day walked about
14 miles during the week.

Sunday May 7th preached at Colchester during the day on Monday went with Elder Perusse to Danbury to attend the Tricostoon meeting which was held at B. C. Butler on Tuesday returned to Malden and to Colchester on Wednesday on Thursday changed the tracts at Nayland and preached in Colchester in the evening on Friday went to Bromley found some were enquiring after the Gospel in that place walked 60 miles during the week.

Sunday May 12th Frederic Holland came over from Malden he spoke a little while in the afternoon we had no meeting in the morning I preached in the evening on Wednesday I went to Nayland on Friday to Bromley and changed the tracts on Saturday went to Proxford for the purpose of

spending the Sunday with the
Saints there walked 24 miles
during the week.

Saturday May 22nd Elder
George Willis preached in the
morning we had a rich outpouring
of the Spirit of God in our fellow-
ship meeting in the afternoon
Sister Elmer prophesied some sang
and prayed and others bore testimony
I preached in the evening on
Sunday I went to Haddleigh
to spend a few hours with the
Saints there returned to Doxford
in the evening on Wednesday I
went to Rossington returned in time
for the evening meeting Elder
Pewrose came back from Har-
wich reported good meetings in
Colchester on Sunday he baptised
Mary Ann Ambrose on Thursday
I returned to Colchester called at
the village of Stoke and left
two tracts and dined at Mrs

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Coleman's Sister Maria Ringe Sister
from Stoke. I went to Nayland and
changed the tracts then preached at
Colchester in the evening on Friday.
I went to Bromley with Sister
Mary Ann Braithwaite after chang-
ing the tracts at Bromley to a good
congregation in the open air on
Saturday morning I left for
Maldon rode part of the way abso-
lutely miles walked 44 miles during
the week Sunday May 8th
I preached in the Crowell
Lecture Hall Maldon in the
morning and evening had very
few there on Monday I addressed
the Saints at Dantbury for a
short time on Wednesday I
walked from Maldon to Colchester
on Friday I changed the tracts
and preached at Bromley had
some refreshments with an old
gentleman by the name of Lily
after which I returned to Colchester

on Saturday Elder Stack came over to attend our festival, which we intended holding on Monday went with him to Waconahoe Park to see the volumes of the Essex. Wifley walked 36 miles during the week.

Sunday June 5th met with the Saints to eat and pray we began our meeting between one and two several Saints came over during the day to attend the festival Elder Stack preached in the evening on Monday evening we had our festival there were about 30 persons present most of them Saints some from the Danbury Malton Braintree & Boxford branches had a good meeting enlivened by songs & exercises & recitations Elder Stack presided Elder Moss and Penrose were present on Tuesday went to Boxford with Sister Marianna Crabb and the Boxford Saints

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on Wednesday went to Abington
on Thursday Sister Crabb returning
with me to Colchester met with
the saints in a fellowship
meeting on Friday went to Woburn
changed the tracts and preach-
ed to a good congregation after
meeting went to Mrs. Sils's sang
and prayed with them, may
the Lord lead him and those
living in the house with him
to obey the Gospel on Saturday
evening rode part of the way
to Woburn walked the rest of
the distance walked 22 miles
during the week.

Sunday June 12 I preached
at Woburn in the morning held
a fellowship meeting in the after-
noon and then walked to Colchester
11 miles in time for the evening
meeting and preached after
meeting we held a Council when
four of the Saints were summoned

to attend a council to be held next Sunday on a charge of lukewarmness and non attendance on Monday walked to Malden with Marianne and from there to Dunbury to attend the Priestly meeting on Tuesday evening met in Council with the Dunbury Saints on Wednesday I walked to Colchester on Thursday I preached in the open air in Mayflower on Friday evening at Priomley walked 75 miles during the week. Sunday June 19th preached in Colchester and held a Council when William Duckett and Marjann Bromley were cut off on Tuesday Elder Benjamin Brower our Pastor came to pay us a visit went with him to see some of the antiquities of the town as the Castle the old wall and the abbeys gate

during the day Sister Sparks was
 possessed with the Devil in the evening
 Elder Brown preached after meeting
 a Devil possessed Sister Eliza
 Ambrose causing her to shriek and
 bleed at the nose we laid hands
 on her and the Devil left her after
 a few minutes on Wednesday
 went with Elder Brown as far
 as Nayland he was going to
 Proxford Elder Penrose met him
 there and I returned to Colchester
 on Thursday met Mr Brown at
 the Railway Station after leaving
 him I went to Stoke and preached
 there the first time the Gospel has
 been publicly preached there. I
 being after preaching returned
 to Colchester rode 5 miles of the way
 on Friday Elder Penrose met me at
 Broadley and he preached there
 we blessed Sister Norfolk's two
 children Elizabeth and Robert
 Frederic I blessed the girl and

Elder Bowdoin the boys in the evening
 sister Eliza Ambrose (who went
 out during the day) and Elder
 Tenore and myself returned
 to Colchester on Saturday. Elder
 Bowdoin and myself walked to
 Malden and in the afternoon I
 walked to Danbury for the pur-
 pose of attending the Essex Con-
 ference which was to be held
 in Chelmsford on Sunday
 walked 65 miles during the week.

Sunday June 26th I walked
 to Chelmsford with my sister Lucetta in
 the morning to attend the Conference
 during the evening meeting the fol-
 lowing Resolutions were adopted
 that Elder H. A. Squires leave Herts
 and preside over the Chelmsford
 Danbury, Malden Colchester
 Braintree & Broomfield branches as
 District President. Elder Moore to resign
 the Presidency of the Chelmsford

District and preside over the Romford district Elder Prosser to resign the Presidency of the Romford district and preside at Colchester Elder Strapp to resign the Presidency of Colchester Branch and preside at Prosser Elder Prosser to resign the Presidency of the Colchester district and take the presidency of the Wafford district Elder Marchbank to resign the presidency of the Wafford branch as he wished to labour with his hands and earn money to emigrate to the Valley I felt glad to receive my appointment for Colchester is a very hard field of labour I never felt to flinch at my appointment given me by the authorities of the Church but I was glad when I had finished my mission there Elder Prosser says there are millions of Devils in Colchester the people certainly are very indifferent about the

truth though there are 16 Churches
and quite a number of Chapels the
people are enveloped in gross darkness
and as a consequence listless and
careless about the plan of Salvation
revealed in the Gospel of Jesus.
on Sunday afternoon we had
a sacrament meeting the Gifts
of Tongues and Prophecy were
manifested in our midst and
we felt privileged Elder Brown
preached an instructive discourse
on Monday we had a festival
at Danbury during the day we
played at Cricket and other
games on the Common on Tuesday
we went part of the way with some
of the Saints who were going to
Chelmsford in the evening I met
in Council with the Danbury
Saints Elder Weiss was present
on Wednesday I walked to Colden
ter from Danbury 21 miles on
Thursday I preached at Stoke

after which I went to Boreford to
make out summons for Hammonds
Ellingford and Eliza Hutton
Wood who had ^{not} attended the
meetings at Boreford for some
time on Friday I returned to
Colchester on Saturday I walked
to Danbury for the purpose of
proceeding from there to London
on Sunday morning to attend
the conference walked 16 miles
during the week.

Sunday July 3rd I walked
to Chelmsford in the morning
met my Mother in a railway
carriage and rode with her
to London met my father there
and we proceeded with him and
Elder Moss and wife to the
Freemasons hall Great Queen
St where the conference met
I had the pleasure of hearing
Elder Aaron Pratt of the Town
of the Twelve Apostles preach a

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a sermon upon Celestial Marriage
in the evening Elder Dan Jones and
Lamoni Stenhouse Ben Cott
Daniel Spencer and Balyless
the latter a Travelling Elder from
Switzerland who spoke in the
French language addressed
the meeting on Monday I went
with Elder Slack Harrison
Perriess and some Sisters to
the British Museum and
in the afternoon to the festival
which was held at the British
School Room Tabernacle with
City Road we had a good meet-
ing a number of Elders address-
ed the meeting Elder Samuel
St Richards the President of
the British Churches gave some
excellent instructions upon
backbiting &c which made an
impression on my mind as it
is a sin that easily begets the
saints Elder Orson Pratt spoke

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a few minutes and prayed the Lord
to bless us. we sang some good songs
and we were choiced from time to
time by the arlicious strains of
a brass band on Tuesday mor-
ning. I went to the open space
in front of the Royal Exchange
to meet my brother and soon
after we accidentally met Bro
Sister Goodman from St Albans
we all of us went to the National
Gallery after looking at the pic-
tures we parted with Bro and Sister
Goodman and went to see some
of our relations went to Uncle
George but he was not at home
saw his wife and had some refresh-
ments after which we went to the
house of another of my brother
Brothers Benjamin after stay-
ing a little time I left my
brother there and walked to
Wood Street City Road and
had some conversation with

Elder Porett's brother I found him
very much prejudiced against the
truth after leaving him I went to
the Shoreham Station and rode
to Chelmsford Elder William Squin
met me there and I went with
him to his house and had some
refreshments found my Sister
Lucetta there after parting with
him I walked most of the way to
Dunbury a gentleman gave me
a ride part of the way on Wed
nesday I went to Colchester and
met with the saints in the
evening on Thursday went
with Elder Perrioe to Stoke
he preached after which I return
ed to Colchester and he went to
Bosford on Friday I went to
Brookley with Sister Brad
lough and preached to a few
people walked 64 miles during
the week. Sunday July 12th
I preached in Colchester had a

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strangers George Bua was cut off
 about this time, on Monday I went
 to Danbury to the Priesthood
 meeting, as Eldr. Penrose was
 about leaving I was appointed
 Clerk of the Priesthood meeting
 in his stead on Tuesday I went
 to Chelmsford with Bro. Paine
 intending to proceed to Colchester
 we thought the train was to ex-
 pensive so we stayed all night
 with the Saints during the after-
 noon we went to the Assizes
 after they were over we waited
 and saw the procession of Javelin
 men who attend the Judge after
 he leaves the court there were
 about two dozen men attired in
 green dresses who were the escort
 of the Judge, these had long
 staffs with iron spikes in the
 end of them, called Javelins there
 was also two trumpeters attending
 him who blew upon their trumpets

lets when the Judge was coming
on Wednesday we rode by the Par
liament to Colchester had some refresh
ments at Mr. Clarke's and after giving
Elder Parmian some instructions I
went to Nayland met Sarah Smith
there according to previous agree
ment and baptized her at Broomfield
after the evening meeting her
age is 31 years may many more be
added to the Church during my
mission to Broomfield on Friday
I went to Assington and met
Elder Clark there and came with
him to Broomfield in the afternoon
on Saturday I went with Mr. Clark
to Hadleigh and returned in the
evening on Sunday July 1st
Elder Clark preached to the Saints
on Monday we went to Sister Goss
and spent the afternoon with her
on Tuesday Elder Clark left Broom
field for Colchester and I changed
my horse at Broomfield it was too wet

to preach on Thursday evening I
preached in the open air at Haddings
on Friday. I went to Sudbury with
the intention of preaching I changed
the tracts but it was too wet to preach
I went with Sisters Thamar and
Hannah Jacobs to Haddington and
returned to Bradford on the evening
walked 86 miles during the last
fortnight Sunday July 24th we
had some private meetings
I preached in the evening upon the
Proof of Piety on Monday
I went to Little Walsingham to
visit a Sister who had lately been
baptized by the name of Game
found her possessed with an evil
Spirit while talking to her a young
man (her husband's son) came in
and ordered me out of the house
I asked if he was master on being
told that he was not I did not
budge for I had been invited
in by Mr Game the man contin-

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not to threaten and ~~swear~~ ^{swear} if I did
 not go out he would ~~turn~~ ^{turn} me out
 so I asked Mrs. Game whether I should
 go and as she thought I had better
 I left but before leaving I warned
 the man and told him I went for
 the sake of peace and not because
 I was afraid of him after leaving
 Sister Game came to me and went
 with me to a friend's house where
 I had some refreshments after
 which I preached in the open air
 in the village after which I return-
 ed to Bradford on Tuesday I went
 to Br. Marshall's in the morning
 in the afternoon I went to Stoke
 and preached to a very small
 congregation I suppose the people
 were haymaking after preaching
 I returned to Bradford with the
 Maria King on Wednesday
 morning I went to Sister
 Gurn's while there I received
 a note from Sister Abner inform-

telling me that sister Gane was
at Bedford so I returned to Stone
Street found that the Devil was
still busy with her though she
he had been better after Elphers
on Monday she was very excited and
clasped her hands and shook them
in a curious manner she appeared
to ^{be} possessed herself at times I sang
when she became worse as she
wished me to lay hands upon her
and rebuke the Devil. I laid
my hands but while I was doing
intending to her she became more
violent than ever inasmuch
that I took one of my hands of
her head and held her hands
which she had clasped together
and kept moving them up
and down in a very violent
manner she became calm then
and the Devil seemed to leave
her while she was possessed she
cried out in a loud manner for

Jesus to help her I told her not to be so-
any more but to be calm for God
could hear ^{her} without her calling so
loud I showed the nature of pray-
er to ask God in simplicity and
calmness for what was needed and
not
be loud and violent in expressing her
desires. after which she went home
and I went to Polstead and preach-
ed to a good congregation considering
the short notice that was given
I felt prostrate while preaching
after meeting I returned to Bos-
ford on Thursday I preached in
the open air at Hadleigh had
some conversation with some
Primitive Methodists after which
I had some food at Mr. Bantocks
and started after 10 o'clock at night
for Bosford on Friday I went
to Sudbury and told the people
there would be preaching in the
evening after which I preached
in the Court and then returned

to Boxford I had good attendance at the meeting considering on Saturday I went to Assington and spent the day with Sister Jacobs walked 5 1/2 miles during the week.

Sunday July 31st we had a fast day the Spirit of the Lord was poured out upon us Sister Elmer prophesied after our usual meetings I held a council August 1st I went in the morning to Waldenfield and visited Sister Game found her still low spirited though a little better than last week she seems to give way to the Devil dineat with her and went to Mrs. Pooles to tea with her and Sister Peck I preached in the evening had a good meeting on Tuesday I preached to a very poor congregation at Stoke after spending the day with Sister Smith at her sisters house at Leven Heath. on Wednesday evening I preached

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to a very good congregation at Col-
chester on my return to Dorford I
found Elder H. A. Squires there he
had held a meeting there were very
few Saints there as we did not
know he was coming on
Thursday. Elder Squires and I
went to Hadleigh he preached
in the open air there in the evening
after the meeting we returned to
Dorford on Friday. I started
with Elder Squires and preach-
ed in the evening on Saturday
I went to Asington to Sisters
Thamara and Margaret
Jacobs' walked 54 miles during
the week Sunday August 7th
I preached in the morning
from the last few words in the
59 and the 60th chapters of Isaiah
had two good meetings after
which I went to Colchester taking
with me 3/ for Emigration Sunday
1/4 for Tract Society and 12/

for conference expenses I slept at Colchester and in the morning I went with Elder Paseman to Maldon we bathed in the salt water there and then walked to Sawbury where our Presbytery meeting was held we had a first rate meeting it was Resolved that the Freewill offering be brought in this month the amount to be raised in Bosford was £16.6 on Tuesday I went to Maldon on Wednesday to Colchester on Thursday I went to Kington and stayed part of the day with Slater Smith after which I went to Hadleigh and preached there in the evening on Friday I went from Hadleigh to Bosford and from there to Sudbury changed the tract talked to several people and returned to Bosford on Saturday I went to Asington

walked 89 miles during the week
Sunday August 11th we had
some private meetings after our
meetings we held a Council Elder
Marshall and Priest Watson were
appointed to preach at Polstead
and Stoke the next Sunday
on Monday I went to Sudbury
and bought a pair of boots from
there I went to Bures and
met Sister Hannah Jacobs
there and went with her to
Sister Pettip's in the evening
returned to Buxford Tuesday
went to Capel had to walk with
out a stocking on one foot be-
cause my boot was so tight I
met Sister Bradlaugh at
Stratford St Mary and went
with her to her father's in Capel
spent the remainder of the day
with Mr Bradlaugh and his
wife and daughters on Wednesday
I rode most of the way to Ips

switch on a Muller's cart with Br
and Sister Bradlough I went
to see my Uncle Frederic Bawdell
I found them prejudiced against
Mormonism he is an Athiest I
believe he once believed enough
of the work to be baptized but
his wife was his ruin in the
Gospel in the evening I went
to my Uncle Egbert Bawdells
on Thursday I breakfasted at
Frederic's and dined at Egbert's
in the afternoon I rode by
rail to Gladleigh was detained
at the Bentley station some
time as the engine that ought
to have proceeded with us to
Gladleigh had run of the
line did not preach as the
people were out gleaning
and harvesting walked to Brompton
in the evening my foot was
bad through my new boots
which was very unpleasant.

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walked 37 miles during the week
Sunday August 21st had some
good meetings in Ebenezer Chapel
we were disturbed in the evening
by some young men who have come
before when the Elders have been
away and interrupted the
meetings they stayed a little
time they did not make much
noise except when they went
away on Tuesday I went to
Waldingfield had some
conversation with Sisters Beer
and Game on Wednesday I
changed the tracts at Stoke
a woman gave me some
bread and cheese and wine
on Thursday I changed the tracts
at ~~Langford~~ Haddleigh in
returning I obtained a ride
from Haddleigh heath to Stone
street on Friday I changed
the tracts at Sudbury and
returned to Bosford it was

windy dark and uncomfortable
but I felt first-rate. Knowing that
the Lord was with me walked
37 miles during the week.

Sunday August 2^{gth} went
with Pilot William Gunn
in the morning to see Sister
Tenn who lived at Leaven Platte.
I had some talk with her about
the Gospel she has but little
opportunity of attending the
meetings as her husband is
bitter against the Saints we
had a first-rate fellowship
meeting in the afternoon
a good company of Saints were
present we had a few strangers in
the evening on Monday I went
to Colchester slept at Mrs Collins
with Elder Packman we laid
awake till it began to get light
on Tuesday I changed the
train at Stoke and then
went to Bosford on Thursday

I went to Hadleigh on Friday
I went to Mr Marshall's and
started from there for Sudbury
but as it rained fast and I
did not feel well I returned
after having gone about 2 miles
on Saturday I went to Assington
walked 3 1/2 miles during the
week Sunday September 4th I
staid at Will Thorough's severe cold we
met in the morning several of us
fasting after the morning meeting
I eat some food as my body was
weak and it is wisdom to partake
of some victuals so we had good
meetings during the day on
Monday I felt much better for
which I felt thankful I went
to Assington and met Eliza
Squires and Abner and Sister
Otley there we had a good time
there after tea we came to Bedford
I had sent them a notice to an
nounce a Lecture by Elders

Slack some of the Saints were there and a few strangers as it was harvest time it was very likely the reason there was no milch pucking on Tuesday Elder Slack gave us some instructions upon Phonography. on Wednesday morning Elder Slack and Squires left for Colchester and I went to Huddleigh, Waldingfield and to Hooleigh on Thursday and to Sudbury on Friday on Sunday I went to Colchester after the afternoon meeting on Monday I went to Sudbury and attended the Priesthood meeting returned to Maldon on Tuesday and Colchester on Wednesday on Thursday I went to Huddleigh Elder Bence was there from Ipswich he preached in the open air in the evening on Friday I returned to Bovingdon with Sister Emily Brookman.

on Saturday I went with him to
Asington Sunday Sep^r 18th we
had some good meetings on Tuesday
I went to Ashbury and Wallingford
on Wednesday I started for Hartford
to attend the conference I walked
to Asington and waited there for
Sister Elmer and then went ^{with} her
to Bures we stopped that night
at Sister Blakey on Thursday
we walked to Plainville where we
were met with Elders Spier
Purman and Marchbanks
I preached in the evening on
Friday we had a private walk
to Storford Elder Purman left
us there and we went on to
Willford and from there we
walked to Hartford on Saturday
we met in Council in the evening
Sunday September 25th
we met in the morning in the
Carr Exchange which the
Mayor of Hartford kindly

lent us for the occasion Elder Brown
addressed us there were a few stran-
gers there after meeting one of
the townfolk made himself
very busy distributing tracts
against us in the afternoon
Elder Brown Squires and
Lewis addressed us the people
seemed rather annoyed or their
pains so they wanted to argue
with Elder Slack but this he
refused of course in such a
time and place in the evening
we had a full meeting Elder
Slack made some excellent
remarks which were followed
by some remarks by Elder
Brown and Lewis the people
were most of them quiet except a
Town missionary a Scholmutter
and one two others some of them
wanted to discuss but in this
they were disappointed it was
the best Conference for strangers.

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that we have had the place was
 full in the evening the people
 in Hertford will not be able to
 say in that great day of the Lord
 that they have had no opportunity
 of hearing the truth on Monday
 evening we had a first rate festival
 on Tuesday I went to St Albans
 on Wednesday ^{afternoon} ~~morning~~ I went
 to Watford and ^{preached there for about 15 minutes} ~~in the afternoon~~
 by rail to London in company
 a far as Kilburn with Elder
 William Woodward and then
 on to Holland after attending
 to some little business matters
 I rode by the Blackwall Railway
 to Blackwall to see my father
 in the evening I went with
 him to the Poplar branch of
 which he was a member who
 worked in London. I preached
 in the evening after meeting
 the Saints gave me 3/8 which
 was very acceptable as I had

only three farthings to bear my
expenses to Bosford a distance of
80 and odd miles on ~~Thursday~~^{Friday}
morning I left Blackwall and
took the train at the Shore ditch
Station and rode to Chelmsford
met Sister Webb and Wilson at
Chelmsford and walked to Danbury
with them in the afternoon on
Saturday* afternoon I went to
Malden in Sunday morning
I rode by rail to Colchester and
walked to Bosford in time for
the afternoon meeting on
Wednesday I went to Hadleigh
and to Bures on Thursday and
on Friday I changed the tracts in
Sudbury Sunday 9th October
I attended the meetings in the
morning and afternoon at Bosford
in the evening I went to Colchester
on Monday I went to Danbury
and attended the priesthood
meeting I stayed in Danbury
evening.

and Malden till Friday morning
as I was not very well I was ad-
-ministered to by Elder John Hollam
on Thursday ^{evening} I was better on Friday
and walked to Colchester on Satur-
day I went to Boscoville and
preached on Saturday October 16th
on Tuesday I went to Haddleigh on
Wednesday Elder Ayres came to
Boscoville on Thursday I went
with him and Sisters Flinnels
and Lorrissa Jacobs to Bures
I changed the tract there after
which we went to Sister Otchip
and spent a few hours and then
returned the Sisters stopped at
Assington and we went on to
Woodford on Friday we went
to Sudbury on Sunday Oct 20th
we had some good meetings Elder
Ayres spoke in Tongues in
the afternoon he preached in
the evening and after meeting
he went to Haddleigh with

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Dr & Sister Hancock on Monday
I went to Haddleigh with Sister
Elmer changed the tracts there
and in the evening I returned
with Elder Squires and Sister
Elmer on Tuesday Elder Squires
left Bradford and I went to
Worwick Eligh and distributed
some tracts some people received
me very well. a Mrs. Tucker
gave me some Beer and cake
after conversing with several
people I returned to Bradford
on Thursday I went to Bures
and on Friday to Sudbury
and changed the tracts on
Saturday I went to Lising
Sunday Octbr 30th I attended
the meetings in Bradford on
Monday I went to Worwick Eligh
and had some conversation with
a Mrs. Parr who gave me a little
beer on Tuesday I went to Had-
leigh on Thursday to Bures and

to Sudbury on Friday on Saturday
Elder Slack came to Boxford on
Monday November 5th we held
a Church meeting in the afternoon
to devise a plan for getting out of
debt we could not agree as to what
we would do during the meeting
but after meeting we devised a
plan for 12 of the Saints to pay
one shilling a week for 12 weeks
which would liquidate our old
debts. The branch was in debt over
£30.00 when I took the Presidency
and they had neglected to take the
stars and pay their share of the
Conference expenses though I had
told them to get them up to the
mark but bread being so dear
and they carrying but little
money made it rather difficult
for them to get along but they
would have been better had they
set the Kingdom first in all
things Elder Slack agreed to take

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the back stain of them and also
take of their Conference expenses
and left them to pay about \$100
by Christmas he told them if they
did not pay it by then he would
take the Elders away and he would
not come himself nor allow Elder
Squires his Counsellor to come
till they had paid up Elder
Slack preached in the evening
and on Monday I went with
him to Gladfield and returned
on Tuesday & went to ~~visit~~ ^{visit} ~~and returned~~ ^{and returned}
in the evening - on Thursday

I went to Rices and to Sudbury
on Friday on Sunday I attended
the morning and afternoon
meetings at Boxford in the
evening I went to Colchester I
learned there that Elder Slack
had given Elder Pannan invita-
tions to wind up affairs in
Colchester on Monday morning
we Elder Pannan and myself
went to Malden and Danbury
November 12th

at the Priesthood meeting held
in the evening Elder Parnham
was removed from Colchester &
appointed to labour under the
direction of Elder Henry Syring.
I was appointed to preside over
the Colchester branch as well as
Shrofsd and was to visit there
once a week. Teacher Weir of that
branch was appointed to be ordain-
ed Priest to take the charge of
the sacrament meetings. Be-
ing my absence on Tuesday
morning I wrote the minutes of
the Priesthood meeting on Wed-
nesday I walked to Colchester, held
a meeting in the evening at Dr
Weir and ordained him a
Priest on Thursday I went
to Worcester and to Sudbury on
Friday and Sunday I atten-
ded the meetings at Shrofsd.
and continued to labour in
the region round about and

at Colchester till the next New
hood meeting which I attended
at Danbury on the Tuesday
morning after it. December 18th
I started with Elder Slack going
Mass. Parnassus for Brattle
and attended a festival there
at the house of Elder Brand.
Brattle Plent. we had a private
meeting on Wednesday I walked
from Brattle to Brentwood and
rolled from there to Chelmsford
and walked to Danbury after
wards I preached in the evening
at Dr. Brattle on Thursday I
had to stay in Danbury to
get my shoes soled but I did
not mind that as it snowed
good part of the day on Friday
I went to Colchester and to Bedford
on Saturday and continued to
labour in Montez Elough Sudbury
Pures and Perry till Friday Dec 25th
when I went to Colchester from Pures.

about this time I had a very bad foot
through a boil a something of the
kind which caused me great pain
at... I walked on Friday evening
I held a Church meeting at Orr's Mill
and then went to bed in the morning
I rose early and walked to Malden
my foot was better though still
painful after partaking of some
refreshment at Mother's I went
to Danbury and in the evening
from there to Chelmsford and
attended a Council held in the
Aunt's meeting prior to the
 Essex Conference which was
to be held on the ensuing Christ-
mas Day we had the company
of Elders Brown Tyler & Major
from the "Bible" during the morn-
ing Elder. Harbottle laid a state-
ment of his affairs before the
meeting his wife had left him
for some time but had now
agreed to live with him he

left his case in the hands of the brethren he was counselled to resign the Presidency of the Hockley branch which he had and agreed to do for his living Elder Brown prophesied he would baptize his wife Elder Henry Kemp was counselled to resign the presidency of the Hartford District and was appointed to preside over the Hockley branch I was counselled to resign the presidency of the Boston and Colchester branches and appointed to take the presidency of the Hartford district Elder Parnum was appointed to fill my place Sunday December 25th we met in Conference in the morning at the Saints meeting room in the afternoon we had a sacrament and fellowship meeting in the evening Elders Tyler Major and Brown addressed the meeting we had a festive

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day and enjoyed much of the Spirit of God. on Monday morning we met at Bro. William Perrow's house where the Elders all met at meals if they pleased. during Conference and after Conference was over paid for what they had eaten. Sister and Br. Babum and Sister Ann Holland were very kind in cooking our victuals and waiting upon us we met there on Monday morning and after breakfast Elder Slack said to me of the brethren wished Br. Babum and Tyler to bless them which they agreed to and commenced by blessing Elder Slack and Squires and then the four blessed all the Travelling Elders and brethren who were present many prophecies were uttered and we all felt well after blessing the brethren they have the privilege of speaking which

some of us availed ourselves of such a private time. Elder Brown was most precious to me, and told me to put away all unbelief - and said that I should heal the sick to my own astonishment and that I should be blessed with dreams or visions when upon foreign lands which should enable me to escape the power of my enemies that I should go to Zion carrying my sheaves with me the Lord should open my way to go to Zion in a way I know not and that a harvest should not fall to the ground unharvested. we all felt to rejoice in the blessings sealed upon us. I felt something the woman did whom our Adviser told all she had done in her life for I certainly had allowed unbelief to creep in and felt rather sad because of the darkness of my way for

The last few weeks for this branch were
I was appointed to labour in was
in a low state and the Saints felt
dull, but I resolved to go ahead again
from that time. in the afternoon
my Father came to Chelmsford
and I introduced him to Elder
Brown. in the evening we
had a festival and a glorious
time Elder Brown spoke in
Tongues with great power the
Squires also spoke in Tongues
we also had prophecy and singing
and recitations and speaking
I certainly felt as it is not
often my lot to feel though
I have much cause for thank-
fulness for the manner in
which the Lord has blessed
me since I have been in this
Kingdom for he has abundantly
blessed me with his Spirit in
"every time of need" but on this
occasion I felt full of the

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Holy Ghost as did the rest of my
brethren after meeting I went
up to Mr Browns with Sister
Wilson and Crab and after sup-
per returned with them to Danbury
I stayed in Malden and Danbury
till the New Years Day when
I in common some more of
the Danbury Saints fasted and
prayed before the Lord we met
in the morning Sunday Jan 1st
at Mr. Parrotts I addressed the
meeting and also in the evening
felt pretty well on Monday
I went to Braintree to attend
a festival there we enjoyed
ourselves fastate my Sister Lu-
etta and Elder Perriam were
there having walked from Boxford
during the day Elder Pomrose
preached at Boxford on Sunday
Elder Slack Agnes & Poorman were
also present on Tuesday I started
from Braintree with Elder —

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Damon for Pines we walked to
Halsstead and had some refreshment
and then walked to Sister Hiley's
at its ^{we} were where ^{we} slept at night
during the night it snowed and
the wind blew and drifted the
snow so that it was 8 or 9 feet
high in some places on Tuesday
morning some of the roads
were impassable till the snow
was thrown up in the morning
I changed the trails at Pines
and crossed for Tammam
where to find them and we
then walked to Sudbury and
changed the trails there and
walked from there to Stoneham
Borford it was very uncomfortable
walking the roads were very
deep with snow in some places
and small snow or sleet contin-
ued to fall during the day
when I took my shoes off the
snow had got in and my feet

were numb with cold. after changing
my stockings I felt better and better
still when I got to bed on Thursday
Elder Pasoman and I went to Hading
and Renss returned to Thompson
in the evening on Friday morning
Elder Pasoman intended to go to
Colchester so we went and tried
to get some breakfast we had to
go to several places before we could
get anything to eat the saints had
no bread in their houses at last
we obtained a small supply
at old Sister Jennie's after which
Elder Pasoman went to Colchester
and I went to Monk's Eligh &
Hadingfield I collected all the
tracts I could at Eligh and then
went to Hadingfield to see
Sisters Jane and Peter Thadson
dinner at Sister Jane's for I wish
I was very glad as I had a very good
piece for breakfast and had walked
8 miles without any more water

visiting the Saints I returned to
Bosford on Saturday I went to
visit the Saints at Assington
Sunday January 8th attended
the morning and afternoon meeting
at Bosford after which I bid adieu
to the Saints among whom I had
laboured for the last few months.
I bid farewell but not without feel-
ings of a peculiar nature for I
loved the poor Bosford Saints
for in all their poverty and
distress they were always willing
to share their scanty pittance
with me and endeavoured to
make me as comfortable as their
circumstances would allow.
Bosford is a small village
containing ⁱⁿ about from 700 to 1000
inhabitants the branch numbered
about 35 members including
1 Elder 2 Trustees 2 Teachers and
1 Deacon when I left Elder
Abeneyzer Gillies established

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The branch he was a wheelwright or
coachmaker by trade and being
out of employment he left home
in quest of work and at length
obtained employment at Ponce
after which he began to preach
and after preaching on one occasion
at Haddington George Marshall
(now Elder Marshall) asked him
to come and preach in Stone
Street and offered to stand by
him he began to preach soon
after and at length succeeded
in organizing a small branch
and hired Ebenezer Chapel for
the saints to meet in after he
left Elders Colman Chayner
and Pownall successively
presided over the saints before
my appointment there during
my stay I was baptized and I cut off
namely Elizabeth Everett for non
attendance and for declaring she
should not come any more for

we were not worth it. I was also un-
wed during my presidency. Sister
Imery accompanied me a little
^{from Dorford} way after leaving her I walked to
Hayland and had some cake and
wine at Sister Sarah Smith's
after which I went to Colchester
and proposed Elder Pearson
as their President which was
agreed to after which I took leave
of the Colchester Saints. I must
say I did not feel parting
with the Colchester Saints so
much as the Dorford though
there were a few whom I loved
some were very curious folks to
be called Saints when I first
took the presidency there were
about 25 Saints in the branch
while I presided there were 6
cut off I baptized 1. Immigrants
and some were removed from
all I believe Elder Pearson cut 2 off
while he presided leaving 12 in

the branch when I left. Colchester is a wicked place it contains about 14000 inhabitants and is a very ancient place being built on a portion of it by a colony of Romans during the time they possessed the land. on Monday morning I started from Colchester and walked to Maldon parted with my Mother and Father there (before proceeding on my Mission to Hertford) and then walked to Danbury and attended the Priesthood meeting. Priest Tucker Clark was appointed to act as Clerk to the Priesthood meeting in my stead. on Tuesday I stayed in Danbury on Wednesday afternoon I walked to Chelmsford and preached at Mr William Brown's in the evening I slept that night at Elder William Sprices' who with his wife and family were shortly going to

the Galley on Thursday January 12th.
I started from Chelmsford about
ten in the morning and walked
to Roydon a distance of 23 miles
passing through the villages of
Roscwold, Willingale, Tyfield
and Merton and the town of
Harlow arriving at Roydon
about half past five in the even-
ing. Mr George Parnman Elder David
Parnman's Father lived there and
I stayed at his house that night
and till the afternoon of the next
day they made me very welcome
here I met with Rhoda Parnman
David's Sister who had recently left
her place in London. I talked to
her about being baptized as she
seemell to believe in the work and
she agreed to go over to Thurston
and be baptized the following
Wednesday evening. on Friday ^{Jan 13th} after-
noon I left Roydon and came
to Hertford and preached there

in the evening on Saturday I went to Southend with Sister Potterill on Sunday morning I came from Southend to Hertford with Bro James Potterill and the brethren met in Council in the morning at half past nine it was Resolved in our Council that the brethren sacrifice one day's labour for two successive weeks to help pay a greater's rent due for their meeting room I preached in the evening and felt pious I preached upon the Jews on Monday I went to Wades Mill and changed some tracts left there by Elder Henry Bro James Sheffield went with me to show me the way and where the tracts were left after changing the tracts I went to Southend and slept there that night on Tuesday morning I went with Elder John Tuf to Stenage to see the Saints there were none at home except Sister Mary Betty she was very rough with

us so we did not stay long but returned
to Southend on Wednesday Jan 18th
I went from Southend to Ware Herts
and Thurston and preached in the
evening at Sister Hatters after meet-
ing I baptised Rhoda Pasman who
was born at the Hylthe Parish Col-
chester on the 5th of November 1830
after which I walked with her
and Sister Esther Pasman her
cousin to Roydon and stayed there
on Thursday on Friday morning
I confirmed her (Rhoda) into the
Church after leaving Roydon I retur-
ned to Hertford I met Elder
Agnew there he preached in the
evening on Sunday I met with
the Saints in Hertford on Monday
I went to Stevenage and met with
a better reception than before as Sister
Belly junior was at home I returned
to Southend in the afternoon on
Tuesday I went to Puckridge and
distributed tracts on Wednesday

I changed the tracts at Wades Mill on Thursday I preached at Willford and slept that night at Hunsdon on Friday I went to Roydon and slept there that night on Saturday I went to Willford Elder Slack came to Willford in the afternoon on Sunday Jeremiah 29th we met in Council in the morning at half past nine Elder William Freshwater had a £2. 6. 1/2 of the book agency money which he confessed to before I audited his books Elder Slack proposed ^{that} the book agency be taken from him and that I act as Book Agent for the district which was carried unanimously after Council. Elders Slack and Fry went to Willford and I preached in the evening at Hertford on Monday I went to Southend to meet Br. Slack who slept there on Monday night in the afternoon we went to Wood Hall Park

which is a splendid park stocked with deer and fish the property of Abel Smith Esq. the banker. in the evening we went to Hatford in some Elder Tug and some more of the Southsea Saints Elder that preached in the evening on Tuesday I went with Elder Black to St Albans had the pleasure of meeting some of the saints over a hour I used to preside after dinner and tea we went to Wafford in the evening we held our Priesthood meeting at the saints meeting ^{room} when I was appointed Clerk to the Priesthood meetings in place of Mr Hunt who lived at Hatford and could not attend on Wednesday February 1st I went to St Albans with Elder Prowse who presided over the Wafford district I preached at St Albans in the evening we had a congregation of saints

on Thursday I went to Hartford
Elder Penrose accompanied me to
Hatfield. Sunday Feb^y 3rd we
met at Hartford in the morning at
half past nine to fast and pray
and were addressed in the morning
by several of the brethren sister
Schoda Paxman came over from
Weyden we had some private
meetings during the day on the
4th of Feb^y I went with Sister
Paxman to Ellboro to attend
a festival to be held there in
the evening the festival was
held on the 6th in accordance with
a suggestion of mine to Elder
Penrose who was talking about
holding a festival and I said
have it on the 6th which will be
my birthday and yours will be
on the Saturday we had a private
meeting Elder Slack made a few
remarks upon me becoming
a woman and during the meet

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ing I had to sing a job I never un-
dertook before alone in a festival.
Elder Penrose prophesied that
I should live long upon the
earth and go to Foreign nations
to preach the Gospel. Sister Anne
Boulden from London was
there. She is an old acquaintance of
mine on Tuesday I returned
to Rochester with Sister Penrose
on Wednesday I went to Haysden
with her on Thursday I preach-
ed at Herndon on Friday I
returned to Rochester on
Sunday Oct 12th I went to
Haysden with Elder Tappan
of the Herndon branch and
Sister Emma Hart to preach
there. Elder Edward Gager who
had been suspended for not
paying some money owing
to the book agency payed
up and was restored to full
fellowship in the afternoon
* Haysden

we had two good meetings after which I returned to Hertford and walked from there to Southend with Placer on Monday. I went to Stevinge and slept there that night on Tuesday. I went from there to Puckeridge and changed the horses and went from there to Southend again on Wednesday. I changed the horses at Wallis Mill on Thursday. I preached in the Merriott branch and went to Roydon on Friday returning to Hertford on Saturday. Sunday February 19th we had some private meetings at Hertford on Tuesday. I went to Puckeridge and Wallis Mill on Wednesday on Thursday I went to Roydon and from there to Linsell and preached there in the evening after

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ing returned to Rogers in Friday
I came back to Bedford.

Sunday February 26th
we had some private meetings
in the evening after meetings
I went to Southend with the
Hosers. Omitted Case of Healing
on Wednesday February 22nd

Elder John they was assisting
his Master to catch a sheep and
while in the act of throwing a
stick for the purpose of turning
its course he felt a violent pain
in his leg as if some one had
thrown a stone with all their
power at the middle of his leg
and he ^{felt} something draw towards
his knee and ankle as if a sinew
had broken in two he was in
great ^{pain} and laid down as soon as he
could in hopes that his leg would
be better by resting but the pain
continued and he had great
trouble in getting home when

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he arrived at home he anointed his leg with oil, which help to ease his pain, but still he could not put his leg straight nor walk across the room without suffering great pain. he thought he was undone for life but he soon overcame those feelings and in the morning Thursday Feb 28th he sent for me to administer to him I went to his home at Southend 3 miles from Hatteras and found him in bed and found his leg was swelled and he could not put it straight I anointed his leg with consecrated oil and laid my hands upon it and prayed to God to heal his leg and commanded the bones and veins to come to their proper places as soon I removed my hands he put his leg straight and soon after got up and stood upon it and went

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to work the next day on the follow-
ing Sunday he walked to Haverdon
a distance of 6 miles and having
to meet me in Hertford in the
evening with some money and
being late before he could get his
business over he ran three miles
there, finding in an unmistakable
manner that his leg was healed
he walked from Hertford in company
with me and the Southend Saints
on Sunday evening as mentioned on
the preceding page, making 16 miles
he walked that day on Monday
Feb'y 27 I returned in the evening
to Hertford with Sisters Rhoda
and Esther Parnman on Tuesday
28th I went to Watford, to attend
the Free School during the meeting
it was proposed that Elder William
Freswater be suspended from
the Church for a time because he
had not made any attempt at
paying the money he owed

and it was Resolved that the
Hertford pay the money he used
at the rate of 10³/₄ per month.
March 1st I walked from Hatford to
St Albans in the afternoon and
preached in St Albans in the even-
ing on Thursday I returned to Hert-
ford on Friday I went to the
Assizes and heard several cases
tried in the afternoon I went to
Koydon with Brother Littleford
returned in the evening on Saturday
I went to the Assizes and heard the
evidence given in By the Authorities
of the Jail with regard to a Spanish
who was imprisoned for the murder
of George Schlesson of Elder Scales
the prisoner refused to speak and
the Jury returned a verdict of
dumb by the visitation of God
and he was remanded till the next
Assizes on Friday March 5th I
attended the meetings in Hertford
and went to Southend after the

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meetings on Monday I went to
Stonewall, returned in the after-
noon. On Tuesday I went to Buck-
ridge and Standord and changed
the tracts and returned to Southon
on Wednesday I went to Wades-
mill the Church Parson allowed
me into the house where I had
been invited into when I had been
there before he spoke against
Joseph and put himself in a
bad temper he asked the man
who had invited me in why
he allowed me to come into this
house and told him some
silly tales about Joseph. I told
him his character was good as
Archbishop Cranmer one of the
founders of his Church he told
me in the course of the conversa-
tion that I knew that he ^{Joseph} was
a bad man I told him I knew
nothing but what was good about
him and bore testimony to

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the Truth after he had said what
he had a mind to he left I stayed
and showed the people how wrong
his statements were and then
left and changed the remainder
of the tracts and then went to Hartford
Thursday March 9th Elders Slack &
Perriss came to Hartford it
had been announced that Elder
Tyler from the Valley would deliver
a lecture in the evening but he did
not come in consequence of some
business he had to attend to else
where. Elders Slack and Perriss
addressed the Saints in the
evening we had a fistrate meet-
ing on Friday I went in company
with Elders Slack and Perriss and
Sister Maria Haster to Shrewsbury
we had a fistrate meeting at
Sister Hasters in the evening
Elders Slack & Perriss addressed
the meeting after which they went
to Roydon with Teacher George

Passman I slept at Hunsdon and returned to Hertford on Friday Sunday March 12th we had some good meetings during the day on Monday I went to Stevenage expecting to preach there in the evening but was disappointed for no one came and the Saints did not manifest much desire to hear for the mistress of the house was up stairs instead of getting her house in order at the time the meeting ought to have began Sister Esther Underwood from Hetchin was there she is a first class spirit on Tuesday morning I went part of the way to Hetchin with her and saw a house inhabited by a man who has neither shaved washed or combed his hair for five years he does not sleep in a bed but along with some dogs and for clothing he wears a horse cloth the house

is decaying for want of attention
all the windows are fastened
up with boards the barns and
stacks are just as they were left
5 years ago that is no attention
has been paid to them since that
time but everything looks mis-
-erable he is a Roman Catholic and
they say he is doing penance
after leaving Sister Henderson returned
to Stevenage and had some breakfast
after which I went to Southend on
Wednesday I went to Hamilton one
woman asked me in and I had some
conversation with her from there
I went to Puckeridge and changed
the tract and from there to Welles
mill the Parson did not inter-
fere with me this week after
changing the tract I went to
Hertford on Thursday I went
to Hunsdon and preached there in
the evening after meeting I
with Dr. Parnham to Royston on

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Friday afternoon I returned to Hertford. Sunday March 19th Elder John Fry went with me to Widford in the morning in the afternoon we had a fellowship meeting in the evening. I preached to the Saints upon the Rocks of Swanton after meeting we left Swanton with Br. Fry as far as Ware he went from there to Southend and I came on to Hertford on Tuesday I went to Standon a woman there gave me some bread and cheese I believe a good work will be done in that place from there I went to Rickwidge and from there to Southend after staying there a short time I came to Hertford and attended the fellowship meeting there in the evening. on Wednesday I went to Wades Mill and changed the track and from there I went

to Southend and ~~London~~
preached there in the evening, on
Thursday I went to Hunsdon and
preached in the evening to a few
Saints on Friday morning I
went to Roydon and returned to
Hertford in the afternoon conducted
a preaching meeting in the evening
from the 3rd of September 1853 up
to this the 25th of March 1854 I
have walked 1460 miles.

Sunday March 26th I met in
Council with the Brethren in the
morning after which I conducted
the meetings at the usual times
during that day. I preached in the
evening. on Monday I went to
St Albans arrived there just
in time to take tea with Bro
William Brown and his bride
who were married in the morning
in the evening I attended the
Priesthood Meeting which was
held there in the evening.

proposed John Pickett to the office of Teacher, which was carried unanimously. Elder Perrowe and myself were appointed to get up a festival next Monday. I represented my District in good standing, baptized 9, who were baptized on the Sunday evening previous to the conference they are the children of Elder Healdwater their names are Valora, Lorrissa, and Eliza, Martha. I baptized them after the evening service, and Elder Slatt assisted in their confirmation. On Tuesday I returned to Hildford and conducted the meeting in the evening there were very few Saints there on Wednesday, I went to Wades Mill and changed the tract for there, I went to Steentown and from there to Buckridge, a man there

gave me some tea, from there
I went to Southend on
Thursday I went to Widford
and from there to Thurston
and preached there after meet-
ing I ordained John Pickett
a Teacher on Friday I returned
to Hertford in the afternoon Elders
Henry Kemp and David Parnham
came to Hertford from Royston on
their way to Conference in the eve. we had
a meeting when the Brethren preached
on. Saturday I went to St Albans
with Elders Kemp and Parnham
Teacher Pickett and two Sisters
in the evening attended the Council
^{where} we received some good instructions
from Elders Stark and Daniel Tyler
the Conference was represented in
good condition during the meeting
a ring was presented to Elder Stark
in the name of the traveling Elders
as a token of their esteem. walked
during the week 65 miles.

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Sunday April 2nd the
Saints assembled at the meeting
room St Albans to attend the
Conference and were addressed in
the morning by Elder Tyler after
the authorities had been presented
for the approval of the meeting
during the meeting it was resolved
that David Gudney of Dunbury
branch under the direction of
Elder Squires in the afternoon
Elders Squires Perce and Black
and Tyler addressed the mat-
ing and in the evening we were
again addressed by Elder Tyler
who made some excellent remarks
there were more Saints present
than at any previous conference
and we felt blessed by the
sweet influence of the Spirit
of God on Monday Elder Tyler
left St Albans & went with Ben
Horn to Burlington Hills and
had a game of drop handracking

with the Saints who were there
for the purpose of having a spree
in the afternoon Elder Penrose
and myself obtained the repara-
ments for the Festival and
prepared for it and in the even-
ing we had a private festival
concluded by songs recitations and
speeches on Tuesday I returned
to Hartford with Elders Kemp and
Parsman who preached in the even-
ing on Wednesday we went to
Hudson with some of the Sisters
Elders Parsman and Kemp addressed
the meeting after which I returned
to Hartford with Bro J Day and
Sisters Hart and Littleford
on Thursday April 6 I went
to Wadsworth and changed
the tracks from there I went to
Hudson a man gave me some
food which was very acceptable
as I had not had any dinner
I changed the tracks and gave

notice that I would preach in the
open air an old woman Sunday
asked the Landlady of a respectable
inn to allow me to sleep there
to which she assented I preached
in the open air to about 20 to 30
people some of whom paid great
attention there, gave me a penny
each to assist me in my mission
which showed a good feeling
I had some supper at the old
woman's who had asked for
lookings for me and then
went to the public house where
I was offered more food after
a little time I retired to rest
not liking the confusion in the
house I had a good bed in the
morning April 2nd I had some
breakfast with the kind land-
lady after which I left I
thanked God for this opening
my way in Handover the
Bonds of covenants says those

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who feed and clothe the Elders are
 the disciples of Christ the people
 received me well there, and I
 believe a good work will be done.
 I went to Southend after leaving
 and in the afternoon I returned
 to Fleetford. Elder Squires came
 there in the evening and preached
 we had a frustate meeting on
 Saturday morning. Elder Squires
 left for Braintree & walked 40
 miles during the week.

Sunday April 9th we met in
 Council at half past nine the
 Saints were represented in good
 standing generally speaking. Elder
 Hart was instructed to get in the
 tracts from Ware and was appoin-
 ted to preach in the open air in
 Standen the next Sunday to be
 assisted by Priest of Sheffield
 Elder Jonathan D. G. assisted by
 his Brother Richard were
 appointed to preach in the after

noon at Stanstead after Council
we had a meeting for fasting and
prayer and a Fellowship meet-
ing in the afternoon I preached in
the evening upon the first princi-
ples. Elder Dye returned to Heston
in the evening and reported the
result of his mission to Mandon
some paid good attention to his
preaching. 11th I went to Buckridge
had some conversation there with a
Catholic who told ^{me} I was an
Atheist because I did not believe
the Gospels of Rome from there
I went to Standon and changed
the tracts there and preached
in the open air in the evening
several gave me some coppers to
assist me on my mission after
preaching I had some supper at
Mrs Haiver's and learnt there
that a Mrs Stinger was willing
to allow me ^{to preach in} her room I went
to her house and agreed to

send one of the brethren (Br Hart)
on Sunday as I could not sleep
at Mrs Baron's in consequence of
some Travelling Gentlemen having
engaged the beds I walked to
Southend and slept there.
12th I changed some of the tracts
in Wades Mill and went from
there to Harford in the afternoon.
I went to Blunsdon and preached
there in the evening. 13th I went
from Blunsdon to Royston and
from there to Harlow a small
town in Essex for the purpose
of introducing the Gospel there.
I found the people very indif-
ferent to the truth some would
not read the tracts I offered them
is a Dissentite clergyman there
who says the poor to go to his
Church and of a consequence
the unprincipled are bigoted
in his favour because of the
loaves and fishes. after distributing

some tracts I returned to Roydon for I did not feel like preaching. 14th Good Friday I went to Thurston in the morning for a book I had left at Sister Hastley's returned to Roydon and in the evening came to Herford with Sister Rhoda Parnham, walked during the week 50 miles.

Sunday April 16th we had some good meetings during the day I preached in the evening from the 6th of Revelations (Elder Sy. preached in Stanstead to a middling congregation, Elder Hart and Priest of Sheffield had a good congregation at Stanstead and were well received by the people).

17th I went to Pennington and preached there in the open air at a place called Hobben End I had a good ^{congregation} who paid good attention after meeting I returned to Southend Port Sheffield.

and Sister M. Pottrell and
8. My wife went with me to Pen-
nington and returned with me
to Southend on the 18th. I went
to Mandoon and preached there
at Mrs. Stinger's. The people who
were there paid great attention.
I slept that night at Mrs. Barry's.
19th. I went to Little Green
Great Hadham and had
some refreshments and spent
the afternoon at Mr. Pickett's.
I dined to Mr. John Pickett
in the evening I went to Wood-
ford and Munsdon and
preached at the latter place
in the evening. 20th. went to
Roxton and dined with Mrs.
Pharman after which I told
the people in the village
that there would be preaching
in the evening at Mr. Parnham's.
Elder Black came to Roxton
in the afternoon and preached.

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in the evening we had a few strangers there. I hope the work will take a fresh start in that place. on Saturday Elder Slack and I went to Southend and slept there that night. walked during the week 35 miles.

Sunday April 8th 1851 we returned to Bedford in the morning a council was held in the morning when our financial affairs were brought up we were much behind in our funds not being able to come to any conclusion upon the subject we adjourned till after meeting and from that till after dinner when it was agreed that ten shillings per week should be paid for the next 8 weeks which would greatly help the Church of some debts. in the evening Elder Slack preached after meeting we went to Southend and 9th Elder Slack and myself.

left Southend in the morning
and came to Hertford and from
there we went to St Albans
and in the evening a Methodist
meeting was held there which
I attended 25th I returned to
Hertford and conducted a Fel-
lowship meeting in the evening
26th I went to Harlow and
preached in the evening to a good
congregation the brethren ^{preached} at
Bromington and were opposed
by some Presbyterians. Methodist
Preachers one of whom read our
works and endeavoured to
ridicule Poligamy Celestial
Marriage. &c. one said he would
oppose Baptism every time
Elder Dye came there to preach
it. This was a day set apart
by the Authorities of the Land
as a Day of Humiliation and
Prayer to Almighty God for
Pardon and for the success of

their Arms against the Russians
 who had invaded some of the
 Turkish Provinces out of which
 sprang a Declaration of War
 from England and France
 against Russia. how the war
 will end I do not profess to
 know but one thing is certain
 God is turning and overturning
 to bring about his great Work
 and all things will work
 for the good of his Kingdom
 27th I went from Standon
 to Hunsdon but did not preach
 there as there were no Saints
 present but Br W and Sis Holley.
 28th I went to Harlow and
 changed the tract there I
 had some conversation with
 several people but did not
 obtain any opening no further
 than one woman said she
 would ask her Husband
 to allow me to preach in his

house may be willing after
changing the tract I returned to
Helford and conducted the
meeting in the evening.
walked 6 miles during the week
Sunday April 30th I went to Roydon
in the morning and preached there
during the day in the evening I
returned to Helford. we had some
good meetings in Roydon Jonathan
Dye preached in the evening at
Mandow to a good congregation
May 1st I went to Solihull
in the afternoon on the 2nd I went
from there to Walkern to endeavour
to find out Sarah Southen
a young woman who had been
baptized during Elder Kemp's
Presidency I found out her residence
but she would not see me though
in the way from there I went to
Bennington and preached in
the evening I found the people
much prejudiced against the

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Truth I answered ~~the~~ questions
after meeting one Woman had
read the Doctrine of Eternal
Increase in one of our works
and endeavored to ridicule
thus proving that a person igno-
rant of the first principles can
not appreciate the Greater ones
I then returned to Southend
3rd I went to Ruckridge and
Stanston and charged the
tracts and preached in the
evening to a small congregation
after meeting I went to his Talley
with Brother John Pickett and
slept there that night 4th I went
to Kidford and Shroton and
preached at Kidford in the even-
ing 5th I went to Harlow and
distributed the tracts the Woman
who promised to ask her hus-
band for the loan of his room
told me he must decline it
might injure him among

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his friends from there. I went to Roydon
and after dinner I returned to
Stretford and conducted a meeting
in the evening walked during
the week 58 miles.

Sunday May 7th we had a Council
meeting in the morning Elder Fry
was appointed to preach at Standon
on the following Sunday we had
some good meetings during the
day Elder Dipe preached to
a middling congregation at Stan-
don on the 8th I went to Steven-
age Sister Esther Underwood met
me there and I went to
Hitchin with her in the evening
and slept there that night
9th in the morning I went to the
Foliot market where a number of
people from the town and sur-
rounding villages assemble once
a week to sell their Foliot which
is afterwards made into Hats and
Bonnets in the Afternoon Sister

Underwood and myself went to Stearnage and rode from there by "rail" to Welwyn and walked from there to Hertford, conducted a Fellowship meeting there in the evening on Wednesday I went to Southend in the morning and from there to Tuckersidge and Stanston changed some of the tracts and preached in the evening at Stanston slept at Mrs Stridger's 11th I went to Southend Sister Underwood accompanied me from there to Hemmendon and Hildon I preached in the latter place in the evening after meeting I baptized Elizabeth Stridger (who had come from Stanston - according to previous agreement) she was Born 11th of August 1800 in the Parish of Abbott Langley Herts after which returned to Hemmendon 12th went to Royston and from there to Hertford

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I conducted the meeting there in the evening, walked living the next 36 miles.

Sunday May 14th we had some good meetings, on Monday evening I went to Southend and on the 16th I preached in the open air in the evening at Bennington, the people were very civil and paid attention to the principles I advanced after meeting I returned to Southend on Wednesday evening ^{May 17th} I preached in Staindon and after meeting I baptized Samuel Gurne, Jane Gurne (his wife) and George Holgate and confessed them I felt much of the Spirit of God and felt to glorify him for thus blessing my labours in that village on the 18th I went to Mr. Picketts and had some

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conversation with his Father upon
the Gospel and he agreed to
be baptized. The following
Thursday evening he gave an
invitation to call at his house
and have victuals and beds
whenever I came. That way
thus the work seems to be
prospering and he is bless-
ing my labours after leaving
the Farm I distributed
a few tracts in Hadham
and went to Hinsondon
on the 19th. I went to Harlow
changed the tract and from
there to Sheering a village
about $\frac{1}{2}$ miles off and
distributed some tracts
returned to Hertford
about six miles of the
journey home walked during
the week 44 miles.

Sunday May 21st. The
brother and sisters who had

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been baptized in Hartford came
to Hartford we had some good
meetings during the day
after meeting I went to South
end in the evening 22nd returning
to Hartford in the morning
and in the afternoon I went
to St Albans and attended
the Synethod meeting in the
evening it was Resolved that
all the branches clear off their
tithes &c once a month.
and that the Branches pay
at the rate of one half penny
per week per member for
Conference and if there is
any deficiency that the
branches pay it 23rd I
returned to Hartford in the even-
ing and held a Council in the
meeting room when it was
Resolved that the Saints
pay 3^d per month for Confer-
ence fund which would make

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up for some children and those
who did pay to the funds of the
Church. On Wednesday ^{21st} I
went to Puckeridge and chan-
ged the tracks and went from
there to Standon found that
the Devil had been tempting
the Sisters one concerning her
unfitness to take the Sacra-
ment and the other about
baptism. I gave them
some instruction and preached
in the evening upon trials &c
after meeting I baptized
William & Stringer (Sister
Stringer's husband) and con-
firmed him on the 25th I went
to Hadham after changing
the tracks at Standon I
preached there in the open
air in the evening had
rather a noisy congregation
Mr Pickett told me just before
meeting that he should not

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he baptized that evening for he
had to many thumbs over
him I suppose he meant that
the neighbouring farmers would
not like it. 26th I went to

Stowbridge worth and from there
to Sheering changed the track
but could not obtain an opening
after which I changed the
tracks at Harlow and went
from there to 120 yllow on
the 27th I went to Hertford
walked during the week 58
miles. Sunday May 28th

Elder Black preached in the
Hertford having arrived there
for that purpose on the Saturday
in the afternoon we had a
fellowship meeting and in the
evening Elder Black again addre-
ssed the Saints after meeting
we to Southend and slept
there 29th in the afternoon
Elder Black and I went

to Standon it was very wet
part of the way. Sister Hester
was not at home but she came
home after we had been there
some time we were not very
comfortable for though we
found Br. Williams at home
we had no fire till we kindled
one to mend matters none
of the Saints came to meeting
so we had no preaching though
we announced that Elder

Slack was coming. in the
morning we went to Hadham
and from there to Standon
the Saints there seemed first
rate we had a few more at
the meeting than usual as
it had been given out that
Elder Slack was coming
he preached an instructive
sermon in the evening
the Spirit of God was
there and I felt first rate

after meeting a Mrs. Wren came in for the purpose of being baptized but as her husband had threatened to lock out and she seemed in an excited state we thought it best to put it off till a more convenient time. 31st we returned to South and Hartford Elder Slacks left there for St Albans after dinner. June 1st I went to Hadham and changed the tracks, after which I went to Cox's Green about half a mile out of the Village for the purpose of preaching in the open air a lot of rough young men and boys assembled and seemed bent upon annoying me I found it rather hard to get a hearing but after a little time I succeeded after addressing the people I left them with Bo

Pickett and went with him to his
father's: when leaving the people
a few pelted us with pieces
of earth, one piece hit my
hat, but they were not
permitted to injure me.

2nd I went to Sheering and
changed the facts and went
from the Bishop's Bedford
and stayed that night at
Mr William Parry's there
is a small branch in that
town belonging to the Cambridge
Conference on the 3rd I walked
to Hertford walked during
the week 64 miles.

Sunday June 1st I conducted a
Council in Hertford in the mor-
ning and addressed the saints
afterwards in the afternoon I
walked to Standon and
preached there in the evening
5th I stayed in Standon
during the day I was called

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up from bed at night to baptize
a person Elizabeth. When she
had been hindered twice before
but having a good opportunity
at that time I complied
with her request for she man-
ifested a great desire for
baptism. She was born in
Birmingham in 1790 on the
morning of the 6th. I confirmed
sister. When the Devil at the
time was very busy endeavouring
to lead the saints astray.
I gave sister Stringer some
instruction upon her duties
and then left Standon and
walked to Southend in the
evening. I went to Birmingham
with the intention of preaching
but had to return to Southend
without for most of the
people had gone to a Fair
which was held a little dis-
tance from the place on

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the 7th I went to Puckeridge and changed the tracts and from there to Standon. I preached in the evening after meeting I baptized Levinia Camp who was born in Standon April 19th 1834 and confirmed her.

8th I went to Hockham and changed the tracts the people in that place are very bitter against the work the tracts were refused at many houses.

I went from there to Thunders.

9th I went Sheering and Harlow changed the tracts from there I went to Roydon and from there I returned to Hertford and preached in the evening walked during the week 53 miles.

(Sunday June 18th I conducted a council in the morning after which I went to Thunders.

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• Don Samuel Dye accompanied me / I conducted a fellowship meeting in the afternoon and preached in the evening after meeting we returned to Hertsford / left out a week's ^{labors}

Sunday June 11th I attended the meetings in Hertsford and on Monday I went to Heaven for a trip and get some Freewill Offering due by the Saints there but was unsuccessful the Saints there are very careless about helping to bear the burdens of the Branch I have received 10 from them for 6 months which shows where their treasure is some in Hertsford would pay 10 in the time from there I went to Hitchin and slept there on the 12th I went to Bennington and preached

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There in the open air after meeting
a man gave me some Bread
and water and another offered
me an empty house till
Michaelmas to preach in
returned to Southend. 14th

I preached in the evening at
Standon Sister Game did not
attend the meeting which is
the first sign of Apostacy
for an individual to stay
away when there are no
obstacles to prevent their
attendance on the 15th I went
to Barrack to see Sister Lamp
and in the evening to
Kettle farm and Clunston
16th I changed the tracts
at Sheering and Harlow
and returned to Hertford
Monday June 19th I went
to St Albans and attended
the Priesthood meeting
in the evening it was Rich

in the meeting that the remain-
 der of the Temple money for
 this year be in by the next
 Budgethood meeting and that
 a sacrifice be made on Fast
 days to buy tracts for the
 local Brethren and Travelling
 Elders. on Tuesday I returned
 to Hertford attended the
 meeting in the evening. there
 were not many Saints
 present they do not seem
 to appreciate the Tuesday
 evening meeting at all
 on the 21st I changed the tract
 at Puckeridge and preached
 at Standon in the evening
 while preaching Bro. Gaine
 came in in a bad spirit and
 brought a scurrilous tract
 written against the work of
 God he was in possession of
 a bad spirit after meeting
 I had a good deal of course

cation with him about the contents
of the tract. He showed him
the Spirit. He wrote to be
was not good for he called Joseph
Smith, Joe he called the saints
blasphemers for saying Jesus
Christ was a saved being.
what a tale I suppose then
he is gone to hell and stopped
there so much for the consis-
tency of a Parson. B. Game
said he would not believe
what I said nor yet what
the tract said. I told him he
did believe the tract for he said
he would not come to our
meeting any more till I
proved it false and after
I proved three or four lies
in it he still persisted in
saying he would not come
till I could prove it false
he said the ^{Parson} curate had told
him he had seen extracts

from the Book of Mormon and it did not agree with the Bible I told him I would bring my Book of Mormon and he could have the opportunity of comparing the two next week if he would meet me at Sister Hunsen's next Wednesday but he would not promise to come his object was not to find out the truth he appears to have been bribed or intimidated. 22nd I changed the tracts at Standon and Hadham and went from the latter place to Thurston. 23rd I went to Keydon and Herford conducted a meeting in the evening Mr. Waters paid the remainder of the debt he owed to the Bazar Agency and was restored to Fellowship in the meeting.

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Br Freshwater has made praise-
worthy exertions to clear the debt
off that he contracted in the winter
time I thank God that he has
done his duty and is now in
good fellowship again. walked
during this week and last
126 miles. Sunday June 25th
I conducted a Council in the
morning in the afternoon we
had a Church meeting the
financial affairs of the Branch
were in a better condition than
they were the previous quarter
I had been baptized during
the quarter I removed 1 lot of
I preached in the evening
27th I went to Southend and
returned in time for the
meeting 28th I left Hertford in
the morning and went to South
and from there to Standon
I preached to two of the saints
there and then walked to

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Bishop Hartford on my way
to the Quaterly Conference which
was to be held in Danbury the
following Sunday I slept at
Hartford and early in the
morning I started from there
and walked to Chelmsford
after dining there I went to Dan-
bury and stayed all night
on Friday afternoon I went
to Malden where I had the
pleasure of meeting my
Parents and Sisters after
about 6 months absence
they were all well and reja-
cing in the work of the Lord
July 1st I returned to Dan-
bury in the afternoon we
were honoured with the
company of Elders Daniel
Spencer of the First Presidency
of H. Kimball and Parker
Tyler the two first were
unexpected visitors in the

evening we had a Council at which it was Resolved that Elder Perroze resign the Presidency of the Watford District and take the Flood branch and District and that Elder Kemp take the Watford District we were blessed by the wise Counsels of the brethren who seemed satisfied with the exertions we had made. Sunday July 2nd we met in the morning at Br Bretts and were instructed by Elder Spencer and others in the afternoon the Travelling Elders and Priests addressed the meeting in the evening Pastor Tyler and President Spencer addressed the meeting we had some strangers in the evening Elder Tyler prophesied that there were some in the room who would obey the Gospel Elder Spencer

prophesied that Thousands
would yet obey the Gospel
in that Conference. & we
enjoyed ourselves at Chicksen
the common work in the evening
we had a festival where we
amused and instructed by
songs recitations and speeches
from the Brethren. 4th most
of the brethren left in the
morning for their fields of
labour. I stayed in Danbury
and preached on Wednesday
evening on Thursday I went
to Maldon and preached to the
Saints there on Friday afternoon
I bid farewell to my Parents
and Sisters and proceeded
to Danbury and on the mor-
ning of the 9th I left Danbury
for Hartford. Marianna accom-
panied me about 11 miles
after leaving her I went to
Chelmsford and from there

"by rail" to Stratford and Chestnut
and walked from there to
Hertford. I enjoyed myself
much in the society of the friends
during my stay with those
I loved and knew for years
and among whom I laboured.
In fact, when I found a letter
at Hertford from Elder Slack
requiring the sum of \$10.00 of
the Hertford and 8/10 of the
Hunston branches by the
23rd. I was glad that I returned
as I did according to the Coun-
sel of Elder Slack for the Saints
would not have known what
matters were required of them.
The path of Counsel is surely
a safe path to all who walk
therein. I would have liked
to have spent a Sunday
with the Danbury Saints
but I felt it was right to see
the thing done first. I walked

during the last fortnight 80
miles ride B.Y.

Sunday July 9th we had a
Council in the morning at which
it was Resolved that the brethren
and Sisters sacrifice the amount
of one days labour to answer
the call made by Elder Slack
I conducted the meetings
and preached during the day
we had some good meetings
Elder Freshwater went to Stanning
and Elder Hart to Thurston
as Elder Fry's wife was very ill
10th I went to Southend & I
went to Bennington to enquire
about a room a person had
promised me to preach in but
was unsuccessful in obtaining
it as it had been let during
my absence from there I
returned to Southend and
Hertford and attended a
fellowship meeting in the

evening we had a prostrate meeting
after meeting I returned to South
end 12th I went to Standon the
Saints were very pleased to see
me we had a meeting in the
evening I preached to the Saints
13th I went to Barrack with
Sister Stronger after spending
an hour or two with Sister Camp
I went to Hadham and
changed the tracts there one
man swore at me and told
me I ought to be dipped in a
horse pond and said he would
kick me if I called at his
house any more I offered him
a tract as I was passing his
door which caused him to
insult me from there I went
to Kimpton 14th I went to
Theering and Harlow and
changed the tracts a woman
in Harlow received me into
her house and gave me some

food she had read portions of
the Book of Mormon and
believed many of the prin-
ciples she ordered a Voice of
Warning from there I went
to George Ennamant and
from there to Hartford
walked during the week
54 miles. Sunday July
16th we met in Council in
the morning at which it
was Resolved that we estab-
lish a school for the Saints
in Hartford to be held every
other Sunday morning for
the purpose of being instructed
in reading and the principles
of the Gospel I was appointed
teacher. after Council I went
to Shrewsbury and preached
there 17th I returned to
Hartford 18th in the afternoon
elder W. Freshwater went
with me to Dane End

I preached there in the evening to a small congregation some listened with attention to the preaching some felt disposed to joke ^{and laugh} about it after meeting I returned to Hartford.

19th I went to Buckridge and Standon just before meeting. Br H Sturges came home from work in a bad spirit occasioned by his employer picking him for doing something which his employer had told him to do. I preached in the evening and in the course of preaching I adverted to some remarks made by the Curate of the Place (Mr. Gurney) who has been telling since then that were I preached one word of Truth. I preached yes lies I showed from

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the "prayer book" that if I
preached lies it was the duty
of the Parson to have told
me long ago for he had
agreed at the time of his
ordination to "be ready with
all faithful diligence to banish
and drive away all erroneous
and strange doctrines with
his cure". 30th I stayed
till afternoon in station
and endeavored to persuade
Pr. Stinger to return to his
work again and forgive
his employer but he contin-
ued obstinate and seemed
determined to leave the place
which would I fear result
in his falling from the
Church. The Devil seems
determined to overthrow the
work in that place may
the Lord so order events in
his providence that a good
*prayer book
"Practical and Admin. Priests"

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work may yet be done in that
part of the Vine Yard in the
afternoon. I went to Hadham
and changed ^{some of} the tracts there
and then went on to Hem-
elton 21st I went to Roydon
in the morning to enquire
whether it would be convenient
to hold the meetings at
Rev. J. Paschman's it being
inconvenient to hold them
at Sister Fletcher in conse-
quence of the objections raised
by her sons from there I
went to Harlow and changed
the tracts and returned to
Roydon. 22nd in the after-
~~noon~~ I returned to Hertford
a town Missionary had
lately been visiting the
employers of sister Rhoda
Paschman and told them
that there was a man at
Bengeo (the next parish to

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Hertford) who had three wives living with him at the same time and that they had children by him and that she was a member of our Church he said the iniquities practised of late especially in Hertford among the Woinons were so great that the good people in the town were shocked he also told them they were encouraging the iniquity by employing a woman thus endeavouring to get her turned out of her place what a pattern of Christianity what a light is shown to the people by such an orthodox liar and false teacher we have but one family in the parish of Bengoe and the head of that family has quite enough to keep one wife without any more this is

one of the most barefaced lies
I have ever noticed if Christians
Ministers have no other weapons
with which to combat the
Mormons of Hertford they
will be a long time turning
them from the Faith. I
in the afternoon I received
a letter from my Father in-
forming me that he had been
appointed president of the
Maldon Branch he had
been ordained an Elder
some weeks previous. he
has run well of late I
feel thankful to the
Lord for blessing him
with a knowledge of the
truth and leading him
on in the path of righteou-
ness. walked during the
week 60 miles.

Sunday July 28th I conducted the
meetings and preached at Hertford

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Elder J. Hart went to Standon ²²³
and had some good meetings. Br
Stinger was reconciled and went
to his work again the morning
after I left. Elder J. Day did not
go to Standon to preach to the Stand-
on Saints so I appointed Elder
W. Freshwater to go for the saints
were to meet there and I did not
like them to be disappointed in
the Fellowship meeting in the
afternoon. Preacher George Parn
said that he did not believe the
work was true he is a man who
allows the Devil to reason with
him a great deal and being of a
very nervous temperament he is
easily excited and though he
may feel well one day the
next he is likely to be filled
with doubts. I pity him for
I believe he would not do wrong
knowingly. I think he will
be better in the resurrection when

disease shall have left his system
for I believe it is a disease that
makes him so bad. he seemed better
after Elder Freshwater talked to him.
21th I went to Southend on the
following evening. I preached in
Dane End to a small congrega-
-tion some of whom paid great
attention one Woman gave me a
penny to assist me in my
mission 26th I preached at Stan-
don to the Saints upon the
Resurrection 27th I changed
the tracks at Standon and
Gladham after which I went
to Sawbridgeworth to open it
for the spread of the Truth
I spent some time talking
to the people and trying
to obtain some lodging and
I gave them broad hints
that I wanted some food
but I had to go to bed
without in the morning

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I had some breakfast which with
my bed I paid 8^d for and then
went to Sheering and changed
the tracts a woman there gave
me some food from there.
I went to Harlow and
changed the tracts and from
to Hemdun and Fleetford
conducted a meeting in the
evening. walked during the
week 41 miles. Sunday July 30
we held a Council in the mor-
ning. I conducted the meeting
during the Elder & B. B. B. B. B.
Secretary of the London Conference
spent the day with us and
preached in the evening we
were greatly instructed by
his teachings 31st Elder B. B. B.
and Theshafter and Teacher Little
ford went with me to St Alban
and attended the Priesthood
meeting held there in the
evening at the meeting it was

Resolved that George Holgate
be ordained Teacher August
1st we parted with Elder Bond
and returned to Hartford. Elder
Kemp accompanying us he
preached in the evening 2nd Elder
Kemp went with me to Southard
and returned in the afternoon
we had a private party in the
evening; 3rd I went to Sawbridge-
worth and changed the tract from
there I went to Shimsdon 4th I
went to Standon and preached in
the evening 5th I returned to Hartford
Elder Slack came to Hartford in
the afternoon we went to Southard
in the evening walked during the
week 67 miles.

Sunday August 6th we returned
to Hartford in time for a Council
held there in the morning at which
Elder Slack called upon the
brethren to express their feelings
with regard to me some of

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then did not approve of my ways
when I first came to labour among
them as they considered I had been
to harsh with them, when I came
to Hertford the branch was in debt
and I had to make heavy calls
to pay off the debts owing by
it and was obliged to be strict
to carry my measures this
displeased them and they
set in Judgment upon me
they confessed that I had
improved of late. The reason
was they had done their
duties and I had no occasion
for so strict a discipline. Elder
Stack showed them the folly of
judging me when they were in
fault all the time they agreed to
sustain me in future. Elder John
Tray reported the Shunston Sains
to be most of them in doubtful
standing it was resolved that
the Shunston Branch be disorgan-
ized

and George Parman. Am Parman
Sarah Hastter. William Hastter.
John Fry John Howley and John
Pickett be turned over to the Hethin
Branch Teacher J Littleford was
appointed to visit them once a
fortnight ~~and~~ ^{to} instruct them and
collect Church monies it was Resol-
ved that William Delley of Storey
age 46 be appointed to hold a meeting
in house to administer the sacrament
Teacher Richard Dye was appointed
to visit him fortnightly. it was
agreed that Samuel and Jane
Guine be summoned to meet
me at Sister Strungers next Wed-
nesday or be cut off the Church
our Council lasted about five hours
and I believe will be productive
of great good in the afternoon
meeting it was Resolved that
Elder John Fry act as my
Counsellor as Elder Tyler our
Pastor was appointed to take

charge of the Swiss & Italian Mission,
it was agreed to give him a vote of
thanks for his services and that we
sustain Elder W. H. Kimball as
his successor in the evening Elder
W. Hunt and Teacher I. Dye went
with me to Hartford. Heath
I preached in a house there at
Mr. Pampaloni's who through the
influence of Elder Brown his
nephew had consented to allow me
the use of his room I had a small
congregation after meeting I
returned to Hartford and from
there I went to Southend with
Elder Slack. 7th I returned to
Hartford with Elder Slack he went to
Watford in the morning. 8th I preached
in the evening at Dan's End to a
small congregation. one man promised
me a room after harvest. 9th I preached
at Standen in the evening and
ordained George Holgate to the
office of Teacher. 10th I changed

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The Tracts at Sawbridgeworth and preached in the open air in the evening I had about twenty persons to preach to I lodged at Mrs. Greenfield who gave me some food and was very kind to me in the morning I breakfasted at Mrs. Crabbs two persons promised me their rooms to preach in next week I believe a good work will be done in that place 11th I changed the tracts at Sheving and Harlow and went from there to Royston and returned to Hertford and preached in the evening walked during the week 54 miles.

Sunday August 13th I attended council this morning and after council I and Elder John Fry went to Standon we fasted and prayed for the power of the Lord to be upon us for there was at Standon a boy the son of Dr. and Sister Strong who had been possessed of the

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Devils 5 years he was seized ^{by} by some power they thought it was fit about 5 years ago and after a twelvemonth he was again seized by the same power and since that time he has been worse when the Devil takes him he twists his limbs and frequently turns his feet over his head and it is impossible to band him while in that condition sometimes he is seized while eating if so he cannot swallow the food he has in his mouth and if God had not prevented it I think he must have been choked before now the Devil has led him to the window and has possessed him while leaning out if it ^{and would have} ~~and~~ led him under the feet of horses if he had not been looked after very carefully his object appears to be to destroy the boy he has also deprived him

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of speech for more than a year he
 has been under 14 Doctors who
 failed to give him any relief
 one of these wisecrackers says his
 brain is wasting whist a tale
 I suppose that child who was
 brought to Jess^{rs} was in the
 same state or would have been
 pronounced so by the learned
 Mrs. I wish he been present at the
 time. Sister Stringer and George
 Helgate fasted with us but the
 W. Stringer the Father instead of
 fasting and humbling himself
 before the Lord got drinking
 and on Sunday morning told
 us we should not do him any
 good this the house was divided
 and there was not that amount
 of faith exercised that there
 ought to have been however
 we did not like to be ~~disappointed~~
 disappointed so after the afternoon
 meeting we could not read and

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upon the boy and rebuked the devil
after we took our hands off the
boy appeared stupid but did
appear to have regained his speech
he was generally ravenous after
food but after administering
to him he was set before a table
where there was plenty of food
upon it but would not manifest
any desire to get at it this
encouraged us to hope that the
Devil is one of them at least
was rebuked so we broke our
fast as he did seem likely to
have a fit and we thought if
the Devils were not rebuked they
would not give us the opportunity
of administering to him during
the evening however he was again
possessed but as we had broken
our fast we did not attend to
the ordinance any more but
determined to fast and pray
again at some future time

many circumstances were against us the father of the boy had no faith and did not fast so the house was divided and the boy was not in a fit at the time we administered to him the One that the Saviour cast out tore the boy at the time or threw him a fit after the evening meeting we came on to Southend on Tuesday evening I attended the meeting at Flushing and went to Standon on Wednesday the boy was very bad while I was there I preached in the evening 17 I changed at Sawbridgeworth and preached at Mrs Mumfords in the evening I had some to hear me who paid great attention and I trust will soon obey the truth Mrs Mumford was the first to give me lodging and food in that place a Mrs Thomas has also been

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very kind may they be led to
obey the Gospel 18th I went to
Sheering & Harlow at the latter
place I had some conversation
with a woman who thought
of joining a sectarian Church
by being baptized I asked her
what good she thought her
baptism would do her seeing
they did not baptize for the
remission of sins and had no
authority to baptize at all
I asked her whether the minister
had the power Jesus gave to his
Apostles ^{or} whose sins ye
omit they are remitted she replied
that ~~they~~ he had not that power
I told her nothing short of that
would save her and she felt
that she would consider if it may
her eyes be opened to see the truth
I went from there to Thurston
and returned to Hertford in time
for the evening meeting, thus
John 20, 23

was a Spirit of discord at this time among the Saints in Hertford one had been putting his wife and others were angry thing but right in their feelings towards each other 19th Elder Henry Squires came to Hertford to spend a few days in ... District walked during the week 50 miles. Sunday I conducted the school in the morning Elder Squires felt well about it he preached to the Saints during the day we went to Southend in the evening on Tuesday evening we met with the Saints in Hertford Elder Squires preached after meeting we held a Council at which the brethren spoke upon the condition of the Saints in Hertford there were hard feelings among some of them Bro Thomas and Jonathan Wye were appointed to visit Bro and Sister Littleford. 23 we went to Shandon and Elder

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Squires preached there in the evening.
The Saints rejoiced much in his
teachings after dinner on Thursday
we went to Sawbridgeworth
thinking to preach at Mrs Mum-
ford's but were disappointed
through the influence of the
parsons & devout women who
had been using their influence
with Mrs Mumford who is
a Widow to cause her to forbear
us preaching in her house after
changing the Tracts we went
to Sister Glaston where we were
well received on Wednesday
evening I baptized a daughter
of Sister Stringer named
Aserath Stringer who was
born in Standen October 17th 51
Elder Squires was minister at
her Confirmation on Friday
we went to Hoxton and
from there to Hertford and
attended the evening meeting

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at which the local brethren addressed the meeting in their turns. P. B. H. Alder Squires left Hartford in the morning. walked during the week 32 miles.

Sunday August 27th attended the Council in the morning in the evening I preached at Hartford. Hattie to a small congregation on Monday I walked most of the way to Watford rode about 5 miles of the way attended a Trustees meeting there in the evening the Saints etc. Standon were detached from Hartford and organized into a Branch to be known as the Standon Branch and Teacher John Pickett was to be ordained an Elder and preside over the Branch. Elder Seach gave some counsel at the Trustees meeting concerning the record of the amounts donated.

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for immigration and Temple funds.
The amount received for Temple
Fund to be recorded yearly and
immigration monthly. The
South Trimmis Church was
disorganized and the members
were turned over to the Watford
St. Albans & South Trimmis
Branches. I thank the Lord
that I have been an instrument
in his hands of baptizing a few
into the Church at Standen so that
a church has been organized.
Sunday I returned to St Albans
and to Hertford on Wednesday
and went from there to Standen
and preached in the evening
on Thursday 31st August. I went
to Sawbridgeworth and Sheering
and from there some miles on
the road to Chelmsford returned
to Royston in the afternoon with
during the day 84 miles.
on Friday I returned to Hertford.

and preached in the evening walked during the week 88 miles.

Sunday September 3rd After attending school in the morning I went to Standon and held a Church meeting in the afternoon at which I proposed that the Saints be organized and be known as the Standon Branch. The Saints agreed to the proposition and agreed to sustain John Pickett as President. I appointed him Collector of the branch fund and George Holgate Collector of the Immigration Fund. I also ordained John Pickett an Elder ^{Sunday} the ¹⁵ bore testimony to the truth of the work thus proving they were baptized by the same Spirit as the rest of the Saints even the baptism of the Holy Ghost yet the world say Joseph was a False Prophet though every individual who observes the principles he taught with sincerity of heart bears testimony that the work is true.

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which they know by the Spirit
of God their minds expand and
they understand the things of
God and they feel themselves new
creatures but wisdom is justified
in her children in the evening I
preached at the gathering returned
to Hartford on Monday the follow-
ing day I went to Dane End to
inquire about a room a man had
promised me the use of after harvest
but some one had upset him
and I could obtain it he was afraid
of man and led by their counsel
returned to Southfield on Wednesday
I went to Storrs and preached
in the evening on Thursday I went
to Hadham and Sawbridge worth
Mrs Thomas offered me her room to preach
in and Mrs Mumford agreed to let
me sleep at her house so I preached
to a congregation consisting principally
of children was much ^{amused} during the
time I was preaching by one of Mrs

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Thomas Jones who whistled and talked
purposely to annoy me. It did not feel
very well in preaching but I trust
a work will be done there in the
morning. I had to start without
breakfast brought some at Reading
changed the track there and
at Harlow and went from there
to Hunsdon and Hertford and
preached in the evening walked
during the week 57 miles.

Sunday September 10th I spent
the day in Hertford in the morning
we held a Council at which the brethren
reported for Littleford in transgression
for getting drunk. Elders John Tye
and Teacher Samuel Tye were
appointed to visit him and inform
him that as he had sinned openly
he must also confess openly before
the Church or he could ^{not} be sustained.
This is the second time he has got
drunk since I have laboured in
this district he humbled himself

before the Councilth last time but
as he had again committed the same
transgression we felt he ought to be
brought before the Saints he is a man
who appears incapable of governing
himself when thrown in the way of
liquor or strong drink Elder Fry presides
in a small congregation at Hertford Here
Elder John Tackett conducted the
meetings at Standon for the first
time The Saints seemed satisfied
with his endeavours to instruct
them in morality I went to Southend
on the evening I returned to Hertford
and conducted a school we had
established for the brethren and
sisters to learn writing spelling
and arithmetic on Tuesday I
went to Southend again and
from there to Standon on Wed-
nesday and preached there Thursday
I went to Sawbridgeworth it was
very wet during the journey
I thought of preaching there

at Mrs Thomas according to her
promise and also of answering a
tract written against the Saints
the title of the tract was Is
Truism true or not but
Mrs Thomas never asked me
into her house and did not
seem to care to speak to me
her husband had returned from
harvesting which might be
the reason as he was in the
house when I went I found
I could not preach so I went
to Hunsdon Friday I went
to Rye Dor and came from there
to Fleetford the brethren
visited Bro Littleford on Thurs-
day evening but they could not
get him to acknowledge his fault
he manifested a very bad spirit
against me said that I taught
False Doctrine that he never
did like nor never should and
that he would not come to meet

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ing any more while I remained in
Hertford he said I went to his house
and never spoke to him on Tuesday
I was with him and conversed
familiarly with him which proves
him a false man the brethren who
attended the meetings more regularly
than he does say they never heard
me teach false Doctrine if ever I
have it has been ignorantly and
if he had detected me teaching
false Doctrine why not show it
me that I might correct my
errors and not harbour it as he
has but the fact is I have sent
brethren to visit him when he has
been in transgression and he does
not like to be told of his faults I
have tried my best to save him by giving
him Missions &c and these are the
fruits but it is only the common lot
of the servants of God. in a Council
held a few weeks ago August 6 he
agreed to uphold me as President now

he says no one expressed their feelings
with regard to me but Brother Samuel
and Richard Dyer he must then by his
own acknowledgement be guilty of
hypocrisy to say he meant to stand
by me when he did not mean it.

walked during the week 3 1/2 miles

Sunday September 17th met in
Council at which it was Resolved
that John Littleford be summoned
to appear before the next Council
and that Teacher Samuel Dyer
take his Mission to Thurston &c
in the evening I preached at Heston
Heath to a very thin congregation
on Monday I walked to Walsford
and attended the Priesthood
meeting in the evening we had
a beautiful meeting the gift of
Prophecy rested upon Elder Kimb
and all present were cheered by
the sweet influence of the Holy
Spirit on Tuesday evening I
preached a short time to Saints

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at Hartford and on Wednesday returned to Hartford on Thursday I went to Storidon and preached there in the evening on Friday I changed the tracts at Saugbridge with and collected all I could at Sheering and Harlow. I intended withdrawing my labour from that portion of the vineyard returned to Hartford and preached in the evening on Saturday Elder Slack came to Hartford and I went with him to Southend in the evening. Walked during the week 80 miles.

Sunday Sept. 2. 1851 we were exord and instructed by Elder Slack in the afternoon we held our ^{meeting} church and after our usual business it was Resolved that Priest Henry Fay take a Mission to Lowell and the region round to visit with tracts from house to house and act as Scripture reader and endeavor

to introduce the Gospel every Sunday
Elder William Hart was appointed
a summer mission to Jacobus
Green Pottery Green and that region
Elder William Freshwater was appointed
to Hertingfordbury Cole Green
&c Samuel Dye to take a mission
to Ware &c as well as visit
the Saints in Thunders Richard
Dye to take a mission to the
hundreds and villages along the
road to Stevenage and Thomas
Dye to take a mission to
Waterford Stapleford Bramford
&c these brethren were to start
in the morning and go without
horses or scip, depending upon
the Lord to soften the hearts
of the people in their favour
they were to provide themselves
with tracts. The brethren felt well
about their missions in the evening
the Saints bore testimony and
expressed their feelings the

Spirit of the Lord rested upon me
and I prophesied that the brethren
would do a good work if faithful
after meeting. Elder Jackson and I
went to Southam in the afternoon.
Teachers Richard and Samuel Dife were
ordained to the office of Priests under
the hands of Elders, Slack, Stratford
and J. Fry. on Monday evening we
attended the school and returned
to Southam from there we went
to Standon on Tuesday morning
Elder Slack preached in the evening
early in Wednesday morning we
walked to Hertford Elder Slack
left Hertford in the morning and
I went to Southam and preached
in the evening on Thursday I
went to Sawbridgeworth and retur-
ned to Hertford in the evening.
Elders Joseph Silver and David
Pudney came to Hertford in
the evening on their way to the
Conference. on Friday Elder W

Mess and Priest H Knoff came to Hartgrove on their way to Conference we had a meeting in the evening when we were addressed by the brethren who had come in from their districts on Saturday we went to Conference some of the local Brethren also accompanied us in the evening we met in Council at St. Albans at which several alterations were made Elder N. T. Water was appointed by Pastor Kimball to labour in the Kent Conference Elder H. A. Squires was appointed to succeed him in the Chelmsford District several of the brethren were moved from their fields of labour and new places assigned them we were much edified and instructed by the brethren who reported their District in good standing. walked during the week 12 miles Sunday October 1st 1854 we assembled in Conference in

The morning and after the usual Resolutions relative to sustaining the Authorities we were addressed by Elders Squires Porter and Pennock in the afternoon the Sacrament was administered and the Saints had the privilege of expressing their feelings several of the brethren prophesied Elder Renss said that thousands would yet obey the Gospel in the Essex Conference one of the sisters spoke in tongues concerning the Priesthood of the Conference Elder Kimball gave us some good instructions in the evening Elder Putney preached and it caused my heart to rejoice to hear the progress he had made several others of the the Brethren also addressed the meeting on Tuesday Elder Kimball left us and after enjoying ourselves in each others society during the day we met in a Festival in the evening

when we were amused and edified by
the brethren who sang recited and
addressed us on Tuesday morning I
parted with most of the Travelling
and came to Hertford. Elders Quins
Silver and Pudney and several of
the Saints from Hertford accom-
panied me in the evening we
held a meeting and were addressed
by the Travelling Elders in the
morning they left Hertford
and I preached at Southend in
the evening on Thursday evening
I preached at Standon and
retired to rest as usual I had
not however been in bed many
hours before I was woken by
loud shrieks from Sister Wm
Estringer who was seized with
violent vomiting and purging
which continued some time
during which she was racked
with pain her brother gave her
some oil which seemed to have

a beneficial effect but the vomiting
still continuing I anointed her
head and laid hands on her
shaking the dectroyer in the name
of Jesus and by virtue of the Holy
Priesthood after which she recovered
from the vomiting and was able to
lay down and sleep and rose
in the morning free from sickness
but still very sore. on Friday
I went to Sawbridgeworth and
changed the tract there from
I went to Thunston and Hert
ford and co. ducted a Council
in the evening at which it was
Resolved that J. Littlefords
case stand over for another
fortnight and that I and Elder
W. Hart visit him and sum
mon him to appear before the
Council at that time and
inform him that he would be
cut off if he did not attend.
walked during the week 41 miles.

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J^hSunday October 8th

I went to Sturden and preached there before the evening meeting began several young men came one of them to John Pickett who commenced interrupting us soon I began the meeting and continued his insults while ^{we} sang and prayed and seemed determined to break up our meeting after prayer I ordered him out and threatened to put him out if he did not go he went out however without any notice and then endeavored to annoy us by knocking at the door he brought a number of young men and children with him thinking I suppose that his Brother would be alone and he should have some good sport after he left we had a private meeting I returned to

Stretford on Monday and conducted the school in the evening.
10th I went to Essendon for the first time to distribute tracts I had but little opportunity of talking to the people so after leaving the tracts I returned to Stretford and attended the meeting in the evening on Wednesday the 11th I went to Green End and distributed some tracts and returned to Stretford in the evening I went to visit J. Littleford with Elder Abbott and after some conversation he said he would come and attend to his duties he could not though I challenged him to do it substantiate a single charge he presented against me because he was heartily ashamed of himself. he wished to be absolved but told him he could but it would bind him the tighter as he would incur his con-

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enant. on Thursday Oct 12th I went to Standon and after meeting I baptized Rosette Stricker who was born Nov 9th 1836 at Standon and I and Eld. John Vickett confirmed her on Friday. I went to Sawbridge worth and changed the tract 10000. There I went to Roydon and Hertford conducted the meeting in the evening on Saturday I went to South end. walked during the week 11 miles.

Sunday October 15th I attended the meetings in Hertford and had a good time with the Saints. Priest Richard Dye preached at Standon and had good meetings on Monday morning I sent £40 by P.O. to Elder Slack being the amount of a call made on this District for his

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expended in the afternoon. I distributed a few tracts at Tewin. Tuesday I changed the tracts at Essendon and had a little conversation with some of the people who seem entirely bound body and soul by the Parish. Parson they durst not allow me to preach in their houses for fear of giving offence and losing the Loaves and fishes though they would like to hear me if any one had boldness enough to become mine in the evening. I attended the Fellowship Meeting in Hertford Street Freshwater. prophesied that the brethren would do a good work in their fields of Labour. on Wednesday I went to Green End to change the tracts but none of the people would take any more on Thursday

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evening I preached at Standon
on Friday I changed the tract
in Sawbridgeworth but could
find no one who appeared to enquire
after the sermon from there
I went to Flusworn and
Stetford in the evening we
held our fortnightly Council
the report of the visiting brethren
relative to the standing of
the saints was good for there
in the town Priest & Dye
reported that Br J Rowley
of Willford wished to be cut
off the Church Resolved that
he be summoned to state his
reasons for wishing to give
up and if he do not that he
be cut off Br G Passman also
felt very bad about the work
Priest Samuel Dye had
distributed tracts in Ware
side and neighbourhood but
had not met with much

success but believed a good work
would be done.

Priest Richard Dye had laboured
at Hooks Cross and the people
received him very well.

Elder W. Freshwater had laboured
at Hatfield Hyde and had
obtained the promise of a room
to preach in and expected to
begin the next Sunday.

Elder William Hart had
been well received in Sacm
and a person had given him
food and there was a spirit of
enquiry abroad there.

Priest Henry Try had
had some conversation with
two gentlemen ^{at Amwell} who promised
to investigate the work.

Priest Thomas Dye had
laboured at Bramfield and
had conversed with some of
the people who seemed willing
to listen to the Gospel.

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Council and confessed his trans-
gression and asked the forgive-
ness of the brethren.
walked during the week 56 miles.
Sunday October 22nd I attended
the meetings in Hartford in the
afternoon. Br J Littleford was restored
to fellowship. I was troubled a little
with looseness in my bowels but
did not take much notice of it.
Elizabeth Martha Freshwater was also
seized with vomiting and purging
after which she sank into a state
of lethargy and continued
growing worse and not recovering
when the Ordinance for healing
the sick was applied the Doctor
was sent for he gave no hope of
her recovery when he saw her. I
did not administer the Ordinance
myself as I thought the brethren
held the same ^{power} and they would
have my faith and prayers

and as I did not feel I advised
 Br Hart to administer while I
 prayed for her. after the evening meeting
 or after returning from a walk after
 the evening meeting I returned to
 our meeting room and house and
 my lodgings and found Benjamin
 Dye (an infant son of Br
 Thomas and sister Sarah Dye) also
 seized violently with the same
 symptoms the brethren administe-
 red to him after which I in company
 with them retired to rest not
 apprehending any danger from
 the symptoms manifested.
 in the night we were woken by
 Br T Dye to attend to the
 Ordinance for his Wife who
 was also seized violently
 with the same symptoms
 I went into her room to attend
 to the laying on of hands
 but was unable to stand the smell
 I think I should have been sick

had I remained. I sent the Brothers
to administer being to ill myself
but both her and her Son contin-
ued getting worse so Medical
Assistance was called in and
Medicine was administered but
to no purpose. It appears the
Lord had permitted the Destroyer
in the shape of Cholera to visit
the houses of his Saints and
afflict and Destroy them.
we also had a prayer meeting
in the night and called upon
God with all the Faith and
power we had to spare our
Friends and stay the Destroy-
er and exercise the Faith
we had in endeavouring to
believe they would recover
but God had decreed otherwise
Elizabeth Martha Freshwater died
about half past 2 on Monday
morning being in her ninth
year she was born 17 November

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1845 in the Parish of St John's—
Hertford. Here I baptized her with
her Sister Valora on the 26 March 1845
after the purging and vomiting ceased
she suffered but little pain.

Benjamin Dye died about half
past three on the same morning.

October 23rd he was apparently
a strong hearty boy but was cut
down in a few hours. He was born
October 21st 1851 in the Liberty of Brick-
endon Hertford Here and was
the youngest son of Sister Sarah
Dye. Sister Sarah Dye held
out some hours and we had
hopes of her recovery but about
20 minutes past 2 in the after
noon she left this state of exist-
ence for the Celestial Paradise
of God she died calm and
happy. While I have known her
and believe ever since her obedience
to the Gospel on the 26 of May
1852 she has endeavoured to

live her religion and serve God in
sincerity of heart she was a firm
believer in the principles of the
Gospel and its Glorious blessing
and was ever ready to bear testi-
mony to the truth of this way
and give a reason for the hope that
was within her. Those who felt
disposed to cavil before ^{her} concerning
the Gospel or Joseph found in
her a warm defender of the truth
she has gone to her rest her Earth-
ly course is run and a Crown
of life will I believe be her ever-
lasting portion. on the 24th I
followed Sister Dyke to the grave she
was buried before her friends or Chil-
dren could get down from London
one of her daughters came just after
her funeral this was done to
oblige the Parson who had something
to attend ^{too} in the Afternoon and
he would not consent to allow
a few hours so that her children

might see her I never witnessed
 such a scene of grief and mourning
 as I did on this occasion. after the
 Funeral was over I went away
 from the family with Br.
 Samuel and we gave vent to
 our feelings in tears which relieved
 us I then blessed him, and he
 blessed me and we felt the
 Spirit of God in answer to our
 prayers for we cried unto
 him in our afflictions for help
 and support for we knew with
 him was all power and he
 alone could comfort us which he
 did for which I thank and
 praise him and desire to
 do his will in future.

A child of Br. William Hays
 was seized with Cholera on
 Monday night and died at
 on Tuesday morning
 he was his second and appeared
 a healthy boy his name is

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Walter Henry Hart he was born
10 September 1850 in St John's Baptist
Ch. Hart's youngest son was also
taken bad but was healed by the
laying on of hands and anointing
with oil in the name of Jesus
which was attended to by Elder
W. Hart and W. Freshwater.

on Monday afternoon Elder Hart's
eldest son William was taken
with vomiting and purging
we applied the ordinance but
he grew worse in the evening
we had a meeting which
was the most powerful I had
ever been in but the Lord was
with us to comfort our hearts
after meeting I in conjunction
with the brethren administered
to William Hart again but
with no apparent effect on the
25th we administered again
but the will of God was that
the Destroyer should cut him.

Now he died ¹⁸⁵¹ about ^{26th} ~~the~~ ^{the} morning
to twelve on Wednesday morning
and was buried in the same
grave with his Brother in the
afternoon. I wrote on Tuesday
to Elder Slack informing him
of the state of affairs on Thursday
I received the following notice,
Station Road
Watford St. 1851
Between 26th / 51

Wm. Edwin, Watford

Dear Brother

Your letter of Monday
came safe to hand this morning
I was much surprised with the
intelligence it brought. But I
know that the Destroyer is
abroad, and many of the righteous
are taken from the earth that
they may escape the evils to
come. I could mourn with
those who mourn did I not
know that all are in the hands
of God, and that no one is

cut down without His notice. Let the
brethren draw near to God and acknowl-
edge that He does all things right.

Dear Brother I cannot possibly come
to Hartford until after the Priesthood

meeting. With regard to visiting
your friends, I think you had
better defer it for a season. Be as
you post all the time and if
you die there all will be well.

The Priesthood Meeting will be
at Hartford next Monday.

You may expect to hear from
me again in a day or two.

I hope this will find all the
Saints well and rejoicing in
the everlasting Gospel.

With kind love to you
and all the Saints

I remain yours &c
Martin A. Cook

on Thursday afternoon I went to
Standon and preached there in the
evening on Friday I returned by
Southend I found Louisa Pottell
ill with Diarrhoea I administered
to her in the evening we had a
preaching meeting I thank God
that he has spared my life and
restored me to health and hope
I may ever enjoy a lively sense
of gratitude and something with
boldness and diligence I have
walked about 17 miles this week
During the time I have kept this
Journal and travelled as an Elder
in the Church I have walked
6,000 miles for the Gospel
I have baptized 21 persons and
cut off 11 and presided
over 5 Branches in 4 different
Counties viz Essex Suffolk
Middlesex & Hertfordshire.
Edwin Stratford